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No firefighting equipment on standby at cult compound as FBI launches attack

Inferno ends Waco siege

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND RAY CLANCY

A BALL of flame last night engulfed the besieged cult compound at Waco, Texas, amid fears of a mass suicide prompted by an FBI bungle.

The 51-day siege of the heavily fortified Branch Davidian headquarters came to an apocalyptic climax after US agents had tried to force its occupants out with tear gas and by smashing down compound building walls. The cult leader David Koresh and 95 followers, including 17 children and up to 26 Britons, had been holed up in the compound.

A White House official at the FBI command centre in Washington reported that two cult members had started the fires. He said they were seen at the east and west ends by agents using high-powered rifle scopes. The official said about 20 people had left the compound and that federal agents were still pulling out others.

Fanned by high winds, the fire burned out of control, throwing a dense plume of smoke over the prairie. Water to the compound had been turned off weeks ago to make it harder for the cult members to hold out. Witnesses said the fire raged out of control for more than an hour, burning down every building, before fire engines arrived.

The White House said that President Clinton accepted responsibility for the FBI operation, but that the decison to move was made by the FBI and Justice Department.

Bob Ricks, an FBI spokesman, said at a press briefing an hour before the fire broke out that the agency's plan was to use non-lethal, non-pyrotechnic CS gas to force the cult members to surrender. He said the operation began shortly before dawn when cult-members, who have repeatedly broken promises to give themselves up, rejected a final demand that they surrender.

Armoured vehicles with hydraulic battering rams punched holes in the buildings and began pumping non-lethal doses of tear gas inside. Cult-members fired dozens of shots at the vehicles but the FBI did not shoot back and no injuries were reported before the fire broke out.

The British embassy in Washington said that 17 of the Britons were women and there was one child. Most of the group come from Nottingham or Birmingham and some from Manchester. Many are former Seventh Day Adventists.

Relatives in Britain watched in horror as live pictures of the disaster were shown on the BBC *Six O'Clock News*. They said that they had warned the authorities that Mr Koresh would never surrender.

Samuel Henry, 56, of Old Trafford, Manchester, whose wife and five adult children were recruited into the cult, wept as he watched. "I am never going to see my family alive again. I am sure they are all dead in that building. I warned the authorities that this man Koresh had satanic powers and my worst fears have come true.

"I blame the FBI for this tragedy. They have made a gross miscalculation. They should have had firefighters and emergency services standing by."

His wife Zilla, 55, daughters Diana, 23, Pauline, 24, Vanessa, 19, and his sons Stephen, 26, and Phillip, 22, were recruited at the local Seventh Day Adventist Church. Mr Henry, holding his hands up to his face, said: "Evil, evil, that is what that man is. Words cannot say how I feel about those machines punching holes through that building. My flesh and blood are inside, my family.

"The Foreign Office told me two weeks ago my family were still OK. But surely if the authorities had wanted to get Koresh out they could have done so, because he and his men had to sleep." Other relatives prepared to fly out immediately to the United States.

Late last night the Foreign Office was constantly monitoring the situation. David Hook, the British vice-consul from Houston, arrived at the scene to help any British people coming out of the compound.

The siege at Waco began on February 28 when officials from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to raid the compound in search of weapons. Cult members exchanged fire with the federal agents, killing four and injuring 16.

Mr Koresh was lightly wounded in the hand and the side in the shoot-out, and at least six of his followers were killed.

Mr Koresh claimed that he could interpret the Seven Seals in the Book of Revelation and was thus the Lamb of God. In recent days, he had told authorities that he might be ready to surrender when he had finished a treatise on the Seven Seals. But despite claims that he had completed the fifth section, the FBI said yesterday that he had not even finished the first part.

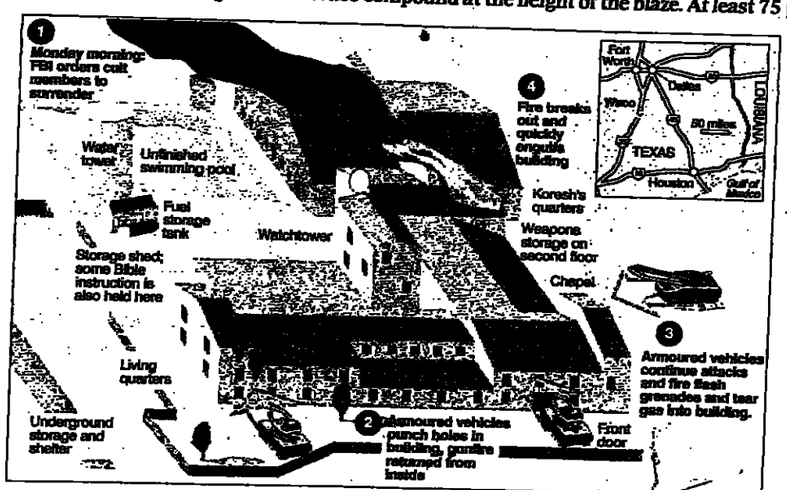
After weeks of waiting, the FBI assault was authorised by the US Attorney General Janet Reno. At 5.55am local time, the FBI telephoned Steve Schneider, an aide to Mr Koresh, and advised him that the agency would start injecting tear gas into the compound unless the cult-members surrendered.

Mr Schneiderman apparently threw the phone out of the room, breaking the connection, and the assault began.

An M-60 combat engineering vehicle with a long hydraulic boom moved to the south-west side of the compound, where it was met with a volley of gunfire of around 75-80 rounds.



Texan apocalypse: flames and smoke billowing from the Waco compound at the height of the blaze. At least 75 people were believed to be still inside after 20 gave up



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Fighting in Bosnia takes a sinister new twist

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE war in Bosnia took a sinister twist yesterday, with fighting between the republic's Muslims and Croats convulsing its centre.

The battles, which are threatening vital aid supply-lines, coincided with growing Russian anxiety about the West's role in the war.

The Croat-Muslim clashes also came as a ceasefire appeared to be holding in the Serb-beseiged town of Srebrenica, where evacuations of the wounded continued yesterday.

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, called for a final effort to secure peace in Bosnia, saying that failure could lead to all-out war in the Balkans. He proposed a UN Security Council meeting in Srebrenica or the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo. He also voiced unease at the United Nations vote to tighten sanctions against Serb-led Yugoslavia.

President Yeltsin's Balkans envoy, Vitali Churkin, called the UN vote "hasty". He added: "Everybody's hand has been weakened by the vote in the security council." He also criticised Western calls for selective air strikes to halt the advance of Serbian forces in Bosnia.

Britain has underlined its reluctance to become embroiled in military action in Bosnia in the face of the growing public clamour for tougher action against the Serbs. After a two-hour review of the options by a cabinet committee chaired by the prime minister, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, held firm in the Commons against demands for air strikes against Serbian targets and the lifting of the United

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Six die as violence marks South African funeral

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

AT LEAST six people died yesterday in violence that marked the funeral in Johannesburg of Chris Hani, the assassinated general secretary of the South African Communist Party.

More than a hundred thousand mourners, mostly peaceful but many carrying axes, spears and pangas, took part in ceremonies and 14,000 uniformed African National Congress marshals proved unable to control the most violent.

About 10,000 mourners attended the burial at South Park cemetery in Germiston, just east of Johannesburg, where white doves released by Mr Hani's daughters flew into his open grave as gunfire ripped through the afternoon air. A 21-gun salute encouraged others to produce AK47s, pistols and shotguns and fire their own tribute.

An order from Tokyo Sexwale, leader of the local region of the ANC and Mr Hani's friend and neighbour, wearing the camouflage uniform of an Umkhonto we Sizwe officer, brought the firing to an end.

Near by mourners visiting the suburb where Mr Hani lived looted the homes of his white neighbours. The body of a black man was found near by. Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary general, had urged people not to go there.

Across Johannesburg, on the fringe of Soweto, the ANC president Nelson Mandela addressed a vast crowd in the First National Bank stadium, urging the formation of peace brigades in Mr Hani's honour. As he spoke a pall of smoke rose outside the stadium where mine houses had been torched. Two bodies were later found in the houses. Outside the stadium young men fought a running battle with police and soldiers. The soldiers fired tear smoke at the crowd, which seemed to want to break into the adjoining national exhibition centre. A group of journalists, including two women, were caught in a hail of stones.

Foreign and local peace monitors watched helplessly as young men, often chanting the Pan Africanist Congress slogan "one settler, one bullet", made petrol bombs which they used to torch a police armoured vehicle.

An embarrassed monitor from the local peace committee said: "When we went over there they just said 'We want no peace'."

Inside the stadium the service, led by the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, the Archbishop of Cape Town, proceeded smoothly. Mr Hani's body was placed in front of a podium while the band of Umkhonto we Sizwe played *Abide with Me* and the crowd in the stadium, which was filled to overflowing, stood silently. The crowd then sang *Nkosi Sikelel i'Afrika* (God bless Africa), the ANC's national anthem.

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School union ballots staff on boycott of national tests

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

THE main moderate teaching union started to ballot members today on a boycott of national curriculum tests this summer.

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) demanded the suspension of tests for pupils aged 7, 11 and 14 pending a review of the entire curriculum to reduce the profession's workload.

The result, expected on April 29, is regarded as critical. Head teachers believe the tests will collapse if ATL joins the growing coalition ranged against them.

The union has not taken national industrial action since 1979 and requires support from 60 per cent of those voting to authorise a boycott.

Peter Smith, ATL general secretary, said: "Industrial action will not solve this problem but it might bring home to John Patten [the education secretary] that there is a problem of a magnitude he has not appreciated. As soon as he does this we can then do what everyone wants — get around the table and find a solution."

An eight-page statement sent with each of the 98,150 ballot papers said independent research by Warwick University showed the curriculum was in crisis, with infant teachers working a 50-hour week on average.

Unwieldy and ill-considered tests for seven-year-olds consumed almost 20 per cent of classroom time notionally available for teaching.

The union called on the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority — which is conducting a review announced by Mr Patten at its annual conference a fortnight ago — to guarantee that the curriculum and testing would take up less than 70 per cent of classroom time.

The move came as Sir Ron Dearing, in his first day as chairman designate of the authority, appealed to teachers to implement the tests and said the findings of his review should be made public. Sir Ron, in a letter to Mr Patten, said he would face difficulty giving well-informed and convincing advice on future changes to tests without data from this summer.

"I am hoping teachers will accept that ... I am not seeking to take sides in any dispute but indicating that, if what is needed is an honest and competent job and workable solutions, I need further information from an impartial and expert assessment of the tests," he said.

Sir Ron said initial consultations suggested that many teachers believed the curriculum was over-elaborate and left too little scope for them to make their own distinctive contribution to a child's learning. He said the review needed to look subject by subject at the best balance. "There are some aspects of learning which lend themselves very naturally to nationally devised tests."

Mr Patten yesterday warned governors and head teachers of their legal duty to ensure the tests go ahead in a letter to 24,000 state schools in England and Wales. But he met an immediate rebuff from the National Co-ordinating Committee on Learning and Assessment, an informal group of about 300 head teachers opposed to the tests.

David Martin, the convener, said many head teachers remained determined to implement their own tests: "We have a moral duty to ensure the best possible learning for children."

Ministers' last hope of avoiding widespread disruption lies with Wandsworth council in southwest London. It will today ask the Court of Appeal to overturn a High Court ruling that action by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers is lawful.

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Rivers of emotion still boil 25 years on

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A QUARTER of a century after it was delivered, Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" speech on immigration is still capable of generating great emotion on both sides of the argument. His fiery language, delivered on the quiet Saturday of April 20, 1968, rallied Britain's political mainstream against him and effectively ended his career as a frontbencher.

Leading politicians of all persuasions still denounce Mr Powell for inciting racial hatred. But while his political contemporaries are unanimous in their disapproval, many admit to respect for his honesty in spelling out his views with such force.

On that afternoon in Birmingham Mr Powell delivered such a ferocious speech that it cast him as a maverick — though highly effective — backbencher until his retirement from the Commons in 1987.

Mr Powell called for immigration to be reduced to "negligible proportions" and for the "urgent" encouragement of "re-emigration". He said: "Those whom the Gods wish to destroy they first make mad. We must be mad, literally mad, as a nation to be permitting the annual inflow of some 50,000 dependants..." Mustering his considerable classical learning as a former professor of Greek, Mr Powell said: "Like the Roman, I seem to see the River Tiber foaming with much blood."

Within hours Mr Powell was embroiled in a political storm. Ted Heath denounced the speech as "racialist". *The Times* condemned his message as "evil" and his language sparked off racist protests. Dockers marched on Westminster shouting their support for "good old Enoch", and the Home Office suspended a Heathrow immigration officer for sending a letter to Mr Powell supporting his speech.

Writing in today's *Times* Mr Powell defends his forecast of a rising ethnic population. But Lord Hailsham of Saint Marylebone who, as Quintin Hogg, was the shadow home secretary in April 1968, said yesterday that he was disgusted by the speech. "It was in extremely bad taste and was a political blunder of the first order," Lord Hailsham said. "He should have known that race and culture and ethnic divisions are highly sensitive matters."

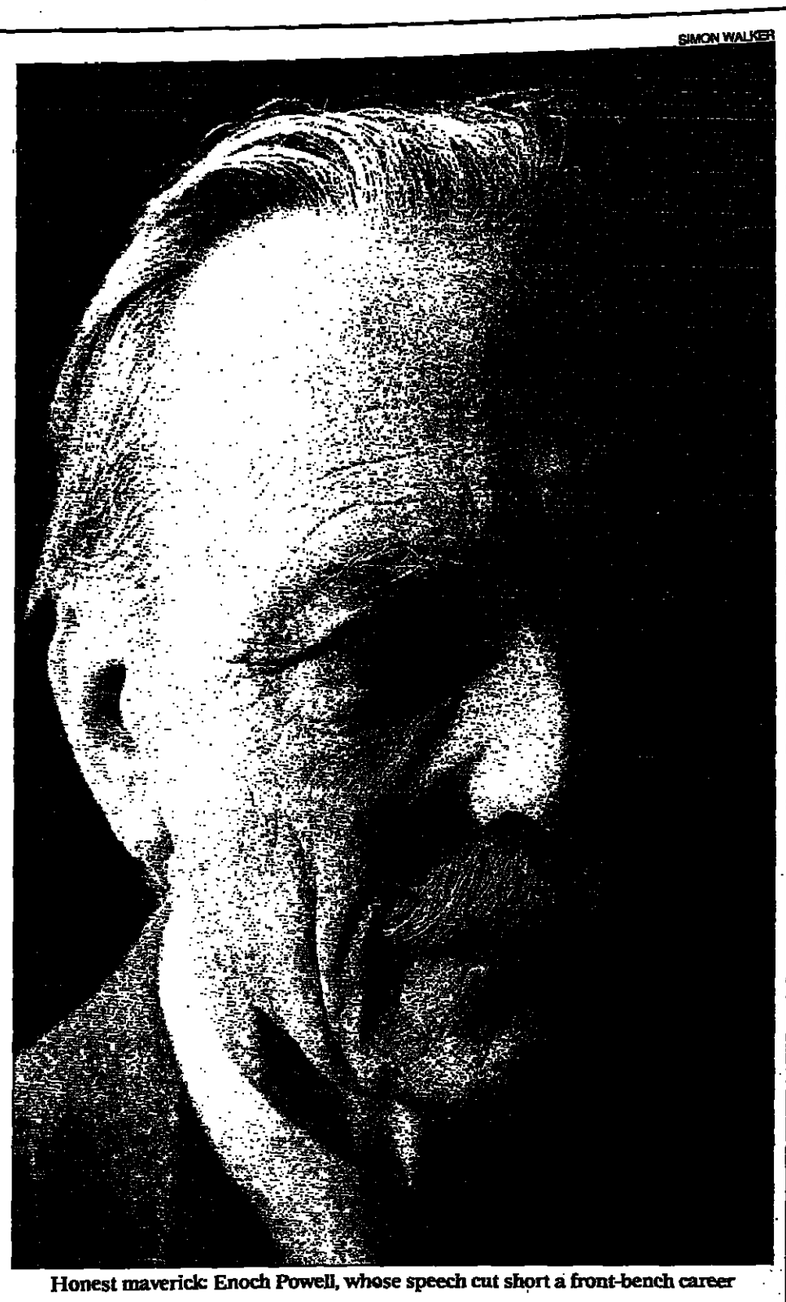
Only days before the speech Mr Powell, who was shadow defence spokesman, made no mention of his thoughts at a shadow cabinet meeting which discussed the government's Race Relations Bill, Lord Hailsham said. "The speech was a gross breach of loyalty to his colleagues," he said. "If I had known about it I would have vetoed it. After that I never trusted him again and it ruined his career."

Lord Healey, who was defence secretary at the time, said he was "stupefied" by the speech. "I thought it was bound to increase racist feelings, as it did," he said. "It was grossly dishonest and shameful. It was wholly negative and the only people to take it seriously were the National Front. We did not have the rivers of blood he talked about." But Lord Healey described Mr Powell "as a decent and honest man in a funny way".

One of Britain's leading Asians said yesterday that Mr Powell had been proved "totally wrong" in predicting racial tension. Bhikhu Parekh, professor of politics at Hull University, said: "We have had no more race riots than anywhere else. Ethnic minorities are not only keen to integrate but have done so successfully."

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SIMON WALKER



Honest maverick: Enoch Powell, whose speech cut short a front-bench career

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Hurd scores easily on hopeless wicket

BEFORE Douglas Hurd's eagerly awaited statement on Bosnia came a 40-minute session on something MPs could do something about: transport. A few dozen MPs fidgeted through questions about railway strikes, a bus service for Londoners and the safety of cars. Who cared? Distant bugles were blowing in the Balkans.

MPs' numbers tripled when the foreign secretary arrived. It proved a triumph for Mr Hurd. Hurd comes home without a splash in an effortless breaststroke, riding the oily swell of hear-hears intoned behind him.

"Superb work by our troops," *hear-hear*, "new sanctions ... wider in scope ... by sea, by river, on land ... passage not easy... strenuous task," *hear-hear*...

The foreign secretary was wearing a grey suit, powder-blue shirt (expensive), dark blue silk tie, discreet white handkerchief, white hair swept back in managed ripples. "Co-operation between the riperian states and the international community," *hear-hear*, "we cannot refuse to look at all ideas. .. Shrebrenicha ... Srebrenitza ... Sebernicha," *hear-hear*.

An impeccable performance: infuriating! Something in your sketchwriter longed for a reversion, if only for a moment, to his one-time predecessor, Labour's George Brown. Meeting the governor-general designate of Mauritius, Brown (drunk) asked if he would wear a plumed hat? "Yes, foreign secretary." "Well I hope your f*** feathers fall out." You wouldn't get that from Douglas.

Answering for Labour, Hurd's shadow, Jack Cunningham, achieved one of the most sadistic dismemberments of a policy I have ever heard: his own leader's new policy, unveiled on Friday. Supporting the Tories on every point but their reluctance to sanction an air strike against Serbia, Cunningham suggested it was Labour policy to threaten such a strike.

He then proceeded to demolish the idea. One must, he told us, "honestly acknowledge" the drawbacks — such as the likely wreckage of the whole humanitarian operation. In his analysis, at least, the drawbacks sounded overwhelming. We learnt nothing about the Balkans from Cunningham's intervention, but something about a weekend civil war rather closer to home.

From the backbenches, now, came a cornucopia of new ideas. Sir Michael Marshall (C) wanted to send an inter-parliamentary union delegation. "By all ze holy relics, Janos, ve are doomed! Ze Brits are sendeenk ze ooltimate veapon — an IPU delegation!"

Angela Eagle (Lab, Wallasey) suggested we ring-fence some safe havens. Mr Hurd politely replied that there weren't any to ring-fence. The Liberals' Sir Russell Johnston proposed the use of UN troops as "buffers" between the warring factions. How about Liberal Democrats as buffers between the warring factions?

Only Nick Budgen (C) managed momentarily to discomfit Mr Hurd, asking "what British interest" was served in Bosnia? "Er, it's in Europe" is a fair summary of the foreign secretary's reply.

Your sketchwriter is worried. He was wholly convinced by Douglas Hurd, yesterday. But if history proves anything, it is that Hurd always turns out to have been wrong, in the end. So skilled is he at arguing a bad case that he has never had to learn how to prefer a good case, and spent his career scoring easy fours from a hopeless wicket. We learnt, years ago, that there is no way of knowing when Mr Hurd is in the wrong: so how will we know when he is right?

BR and drivers near agreement

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Rail last night was on the verge of a settlement with the train drivers' union Aslef which could avoid further drivers' strikes over privatisation. But more strikes by members of the largest rail union, the RMT, could still hit rail travellers in a separate dispute over jobs.

After three hours of talks with BR yesterday, Derrick Fullick, general secretary of Aslef, said he was very hopeful that another strike could be avoided. Aslef members went on strike last Friday in a pre-privatisation dispute.

Paul Watkinson, BR personnel director, said the talks had been very satisfactory. Leaders of Aslef met in London last night to consider BR's proposals.

However, BR urged the main rail union, the Rail, Maritime and Transport union, to pull back from further strikes and show "flexibility" in resolving its dispute over jobs. RMT members also went on strike last Friday, for the second time in a fortnight. In a letter to the union, which was still meeting last night, BR said it had gone as far as it could to meet union demands for a guarantee against compulsory redundancies.

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UK keeps options on Bosnia open

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Nations embargo against supplying arms to the Bosnian Muslims.

Mr Hurd deliberately left open the door to the possibility of a stronger military response if Britain's preferred option of an economic blockade on Serbia fails.

America has said it will put strong pressure on its European allies to agree to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims and bomb Serbian targets.

"The president has made it clear we're going to try to press the allies to move forward," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman.

British sources acknowledged that President Clinton raised both options during a 50-minute telephone conversation with John Major on Sunday, but sought to play down the idea that the US was trying to coerce Britain into action.

The fight between nominally allied Bosnian Croats and Muslims, the fourth armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia, is likely to relegate the struggle against the Bosnian Serbs to a sideshow for the moment.

With the battle for Srebrenica all but over, the fight for towns such as Vitez, Travnik and Kiseljak is only just beginning.

The Srebrenica airlift was resumed yesterday, a day after UN peacekeepers arrived in the war-scarred Muslim enclave and its beleaguered defenders signed a truce that amounted to a virtual surrender of the town.

Peter Kessler of the UN High Commission for Refugees in Sarajevo said that about 480 people had been airlifted out of Srebrenica by late afternoon.

The Croat-Muslim clashes spread yesterday from Vitez, where hundreds of British UN troops are based, to Kiseljak just outside Sarajevo. Mortar attacks and artillery fire resounded around the town after a day of heavy shelling. "There are most definitely fierce battle taking place between the two sides," said Lieutenant-Colonel Bob Stewart, commander of the British battalion battle group in Bosnia, from Vitez. "We estimate that our soldiers have seen between 60 and 70 bodies, but there could be more," he said in an interview with the BBC.



Stewart: soldiers have seen up to 70 bodies

The fighting in Vitez is much more serious than any previous flare-ups between Bosnian Croats and Muslim forces as each side struggles to take control of central Bosnia.

Soldiers are using multi-barrelled rocket launchers and large calibre mortars. British UN troops have also reported seeing tanks being deployed.

BBC staff get chance to air views

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC yesterday launched an ambitious attempt to find out what its employees think of its output, management and future development as part of an extensive consultation exercise.

Questionnaires have been issued to a third of the 24,500 employees, selected randomly from the director general down to receptionists and cleaners, to canvass their opinions on a range of subjects.

The completed questionnaires, which will be anonymous and confidential, will be assessed by external consultants and will be included in the BBC's final response, expected this year, to the government's Green Paper on the future of the corporation. This is the first time the BBC has attempted formally to assess the mood of its workforce since the dispute over the tax arrangements of John Birt, the BBC director general, which was fuelled largely by anonymous complaints from within the corporation.

Launching the survey, Pamela Taylor, the BBC's director of corporate affairs, acknowledged the need for a greater understanding of staff views. The questionnaire is part of an exercise launched in the run-up to the renewal of the BBC's charter in 1996.

In the past three months, more than 6,000 licence payers have had the opportunity to put forward their views on the BBC and to question senior staff at a series of 47 public meetings and seminars held throughout the country.

London-New York the hard way

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A RACE from London to New York, in which celebrity contestants will cover the entire distance on land, is to be mounted by ITV.

Timothy Dalton, best known for his portrayal of James Bond, will take part in *The Big Race*, which will take drivers through the Channel tunnel and across Russia to America by way of the ice flows of the Bering Strait.

Nigel Mansell and James Hunt, the racing drivers, have been approached to take part in the televised challenge, which will pit two teams against each other — one driving from London to New York and the other racing in the opposite direction.

The teams will devise their own routes for the seven-week drive and will have to make their own arrangements for fuel dumps, food supplies and accommodation.

The Big Race is being organised by Central Independent Television in association with the East-West Creative Association, an independent body which helps Western film-makers work in the CIS and the Baltic states. The association will provide a full range of production services and has already secured special filming permission from the countries through which the race will pass.

Drivers will have to modify their vehicles to cope with a range of driving conditions, including winter trails and ice roads through snow-covered valleys.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trapped man dies in colliery accident

A man died and another was seriously injured when a trailer broke free and rolled into them at Wearmouth colliery in Sunderland. The incident was the second fatal accident underground at the mine in just over a year. It happened 800ft below ground, close to the far end of a shaft that reaches seven miles out under the North Sea. The pit will be the last remaining colliery in the Durham coalfield after the next round of mine closures in May.

Miners at the scene fought to free the trapped workers and doctors went below ground to assist. One miner, Syd Benson, 36, said: "Nearly the full shift was there trying to get them out. It was coming towards the end of the shift and most men were preparing to come back to the surface." British Coal said the men were contract workers doing maintenance. In February last year two men died and three were hurt in the mine when a locomotive came off its track.

Summons for dead man

The relatives of Eddie Hale, a West Belfast petty criminal who was shot dead by undercover soldiers more than three years ago, were dismayed yesterday when police sent him a summons to attend his own inquest. A spokesman for the RUC later blamed human error. Hale and two accomplices were carrying replica weapons when they were shot in 1990 during a raid on a betting shop. The inquest, which resumes today, has been told that soldiers will give evidence from behind screens to protect their identities.

£10,000 for harassment

A croupier won the maximum £10,000 compensation yesterday after being constantly sexually harassed. Jahma Jung, 25, said Colin Mather, her dealing inspector at the Park Towers casino, in Knightsbridge, central London, repeatedly touched her bottom. When she complained she was sacked. Croydon industrial tribunal was told.

GWR back on track

The return of the name Great Western to the railways after nearly 50 years was signalled by John MacGregor, right, the transport secretary, in the Commons yesterday. Giving details of his plans for franchising services to private operators, he said: "Great Western InterCity is one of the seven service groups that I have asked BR to prepare for early franchising."



Monkeys develop BSE

Scientists have for the first time transmitted the incurable "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, (BSE) to primates, which belong to the same order of mammals as humans. Infected tissue from the brains of cattle was injected directly into the brains and abdominal cavities of two healthy marmoset monkeys, which showed symptoms of the disease after 46 months. Researchers say the findings are reassuring because they show it is harder to transmit the disease to primates than to other species.

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Influential Anglicans prepare the ground for thousands of defections

Prime movers eye the Roman option

BY JAMIE DETTMER

Many prominent Anglo-Catholics are waiting to see whether Rome extends them special provisions

THE Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales meet this week to discuss their response to overtures from Anglo-Catholics seeking a spiritual home free of women priests as hundreds of Church of England clergymen and thousands of lay Anglicans continue to wrestle with their consciences.

As the most important theological realignment of Christianity since the Reformation beckons, nine Anglo-Catholics — two bishops, a former bishop, a Fleet Street newspaper editor, two Conservative politicians and three priests — appear to be in a position to influence the size of the Anglican defection to Rome.

Potential converts will probably be swayed mainly by how obliging the Vatican is to their desire to retain the Book of Common Prayer and other trappings of Anglicanism. But they are also likely to be influenced by a handful of prominent Anglo-Catholic figures, who have either announced their intention to defect or who are believed to be on the verge of taking the "Roman option".

> 'In church, you spend your time with unworthy ditties and clapping hands'

Some leading Anglo-Catholics are keeping their cards close to their chests, waiting to see whether the Holy See extends special provisions to converting Anglicans. At least two bishops are believed to be considering defecting, but are unlikely to make a public move until after Anglican bishops assemble in June to review the issue of female ordination.

Sir Graham Leonard, the retired Bishop of London, has been in the lead in bringing Anglo-Catholics to the doors of Rome. He has held talks with Cardinal Hume and has put forward to the Vatican a number of proposals by which Anglicans could come under the authority of Rome while keeping their own rites.

Sir Graham recently acknowledged that the issue of women priests was the straw that broke the camel's back for him. "It confirms the way the Church of England is going. If you go to church now, you spend your time with unworthy ditties and clapping hands." While Sir Graham has been very public about his likely conversion, two other bishops have been keeping their powder dry and have neither confirmed nor denied the possibility of their joining the Roman Catholic Church.

Eric Kemp, Bishop of Chichester, and Brian Masters, suffragan Bishop of Edmonton, are understood to be considering the Roman option. Earlier this month, the Bishop of Edmonton turned down an invitation by Dr David Hope, the Bishop of London, to celebrate a eucharist with him at St Paul's Cathedral.

Among the most publicly prominent Anglo-Catholics already in the Rome camp is Ann Widdecombe, the social security minister, who will be received into the Roman Catholic Church tomorrow. She left the Church of England last November after the General Synod voted in favour of women priests, saw Cardinal Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, soon after and decided to convert.

In an open letter to Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, last January, Miss Widdecombe accused the spiritual head of the Church of England of presiding over chaos and leaving Anglicans struggling in a sea of doubt. She began her letter by quoting Hugh Latimer, the 16th century Anglican martyr, who, while being burnt at the stake with Nicholas Ridley, said: "We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as shall never be put out."

Miss Widdecombe, 45, argued that Dr Carey and most of his fellow bishops were busy trying to puff at "that precious candle in an attempt to extinguish it altogether and bring to ashes Latimer's vision". One can only conclude, she wrote, that "either the Church is run by lemmings in episcopal robes or else by ostriches with their heads in the sands of eternal compromise". She is to take Hugh as her confirmation name.

John Gummer, the agriculture minister and another influential Anglo-Catholic, is planning to read a lesson at the receiving ceremony for Miss Widdecombe. Mr Gummer, 53, resigned from the General Synod in November and last week gave a strong hint that he is also preparing to turn to Rome. "All of us are, in the these circumstances, considering our positions." The former Conservative chairman said that Anglicans "must in conscience look elsewhere for their spiritual home".

Charles Moore, editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, is also likely to contribute to the scale of the Anglican defection. Since the synod vote, he has been consulting with Roman Catholic friends about the possibility of converting. He sees the synod's approval of female ordination as pandering to modern secular culture.

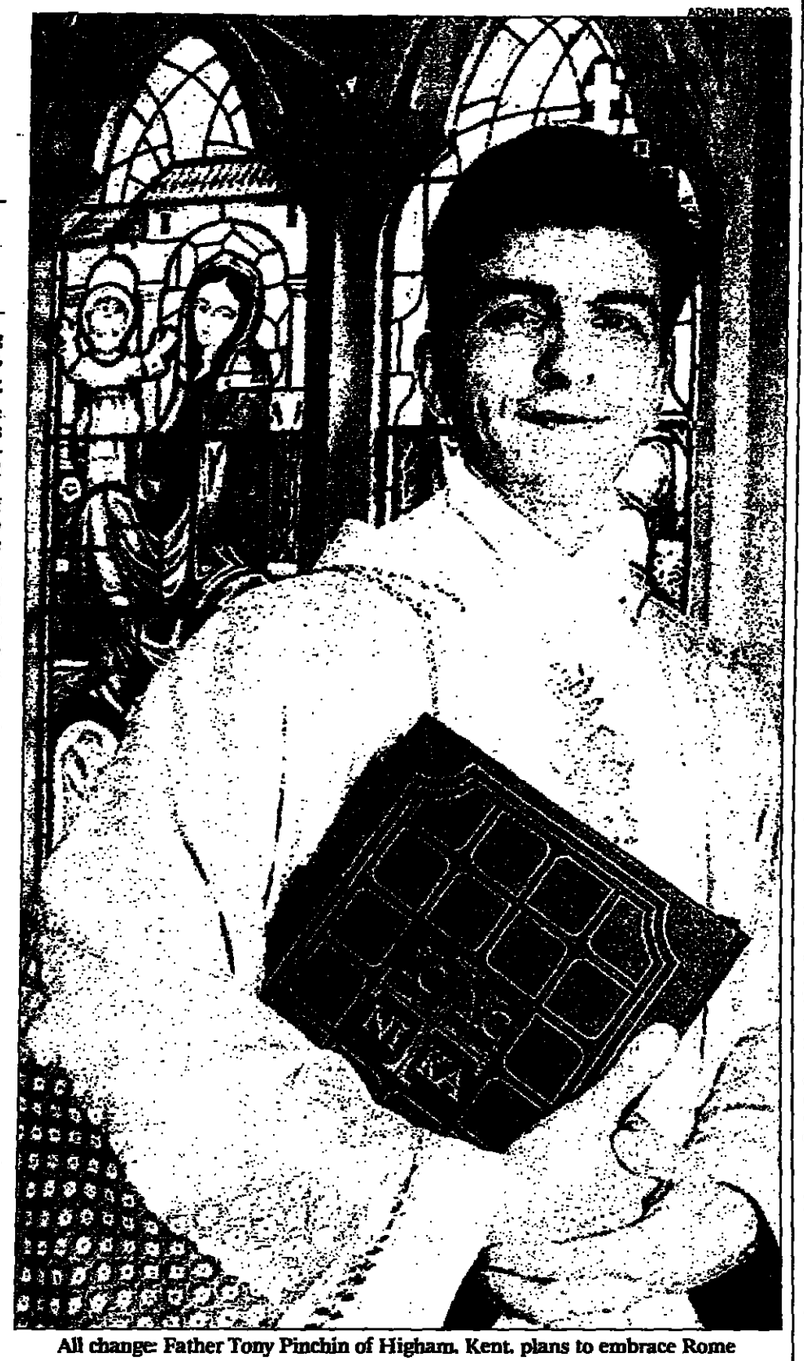
"They should be concerned with the traditional culture of the church," Mr Moore said in a magazine interview. "Priesthood is not about what people are saying about women's role in society. It is about what Christ commanded."

> 'The General Synod vote was a watershed in the history of the church'

Three Anglo-Catholic priests are also proving to be prominent movers and shakers in the schism. Father Peter Geldard, chairman of the synod's Catholic Group and a vicar in Faversham, Kent, has been a keen proponent of the Rome option since the synod vote last November.

Tony Pinchin, another Kent priest and a member of the General Synod, believes he can take most of his congregation from St John's Church, Higham, when he joins the Roman Catholic Church. "For me, the General Synod vote was a watershed in the history of the church. The synod took a decision it had no authority to take. There is nothing in the teachings of the Roman Church that worry me."

Roger Greenacre, a canon at Chichester Cathedral, is also influencing the opinion of Anglo-Catholics. In a recent open letter, he said he felt like a man with his feet on two rafts which were moving further apart. "Unless I jumped firmly and decisively on to one of the two rafts, I was going to fall into the water and be drowned."



ADRIAN BROOKS

All change: Father Tony Pinchin of Higham, Kent, plans to embrace Rome

Parish loses grant over vote

BY IAN MURRAY

THE parish church of St John's on the riot-torn Meadow Well Estate in North Shields, Tyneside, has lost a grant to maintain an extra curate because the parish council has voted in favour of the ordination of women.

The £2,500 grant was paid by the Additional Curates Society, which in January passed a resolution saying it could not accept women priests and would pay no money to parishes that supported the idea. The Charity Commissioners are holding an enquiry to see whether it is legally justifiable for the society to act in that way.

The Ven Ernest Stroud, Archdeacon of Colchester and chairman of the society, said yesterday: "Our 12-member council agreed this by a large majority." The society believed it had to be true to its founding fathers, the Tractarians, who opposed the ordination of women.

The Rev Michael Pennington, vicar at St John's, decided with his parish council that the society's stance made it impossible for them to go on receiving their grant. Although there was no prospect of employing a woman as curate, they felt their support for the idea meant they could not go on taking the society's money.

WPCs wore school kit to trap sex offender

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SQUAD of policewomen dressed as teenage schoolgirls were used in an attempt to catch a man who indecently assaulted over a hundred schoolchildren as they travelled to and from school by bus, a court was told.

Southwark Crown Court heard yesterday that the policewomen were chosen because they looked young enough to pass as schoolgirls. The three officers, dressed in a school uniform of white blouse, dark skirt and blazer, waited at bus stops along the routes favoured by the attacker while other officers were hidden near by.

In the event, Fitzroy Jordan, 35 and unemployed, was eventually caught when one of his victims travelling in a police car picked him out as he waited to catch a bus. When he was questioned by officers from operation Bishop, named after one of the schools where pupils were attacked, he admitted the offences.

Jordan pleaded guilty to six specimen offences but Isobelle Gillard, prosecuting, told the court it was thought he had attacked just over a hundred girls by the time he was caught. Miss Gillard said: "Sexual assaults on females on public transport are common, but the effect on victims as young as 12 to 16 was bad: they were frightened and many felt ashamed and did not report the instances."

She added that the mother of one of the girls said her daughter was now too frightened to travel on the bus, had changed her route and was nervous of men. She was even reluctant to see friends' fathers and was nervous of being close to any man on a bus.

Jordan, of Streatham, south London, preyed on girls from two schools and timed his trips so that he could carry out his attacks and go on to special classes. He was only caught after a headmaster at one of the two schools heard of what was going on and held a special assembly where pupils were asked to report if they had been a victim. Minutes later, there were 20 girls queuing outside his room.

Yesterday, Jordan admitted charges of indecent assault between the beginning of September and end of November last year. The court heard he had four previous convictions for sex attacks, including one on two girls aged nine and 12. Judge Mota Singh said he believed Jordan should receive a custodial sentence and remanded him in custody for four weeks for reports.

Shoe town prepares to welcome takeover

BY LIN JENKINS

THE emergence of Berisford International as the potential bidder for the 167-year-old shoe manufacturer C & J Clark marks the end of an era for a British institution.

The cluster of uniform grey stone buildings which form the centre of the Somerset town of Street stand as a monument to Victorian paternalism. One was originally built as a school, another as a library, a museum and an institute for the working man. Dominant among them is the headquarters of the company that once had such a strong presence in the area that residents called the town Clarksville.

Once, almost everyone in Street worked for the firm, started by Cyrus and James Clark when James finished his apprenticeship to his brother in 1833 and they diversified from sheepskin mats to slippers and shoes.

Their successful business doubled the 800-strong population by 1850 and employed a third of them, almost all as outworkers. At the turn of the century, 1,400 people worked in the mechanised factories and the number rose to more than 4,000 by the outbreak of the first world war.

The Clark influence was strong. As Quakers, the employers' emphasis was on a philanthropic concern for the workforce, hence the public buildings and rows of cottages. Such provision went hand in hand with a dislike of unions and liquor, both were outlawed.

Pubs now flourish and the Clark influence has waned. Arthur Neild-Scott, who worked as an inspector of shoes until his retirement, said: "The days when one family could have so much influence have long gone, although there are still some of them on the local council."

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Walter Dickson: the chairman of Clark's

Easter crash victim wakes from coma

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE girl who lost both legs in a road accident that killed two sisters walking with her has regained consciousness for the first time since the crash on Easter Sunday. But doctors and relatives have yet to tell Leigh-Ann Johns, nine, of her injuries or that her friends are dead.

The girls were hit by a runaway car which mounted the pavement as they stood outside a corner shop on Teesside. Rachel Reed, 6, and her sister Maria, 8, died instantly. Surgeons at Middlesbrough General Hospital amputated both of Leigh-Ann's legs and performed emergency surgery to try to save her crushed kidney, lungs and bladder.

She has spent the past week unconscious on a ventilator but last weekend began to come round. She was able to speak for the first time late on Sunday night.

Paul Wilson, her stepfather, who was at her bedside with her mother throughout the weekend said yesterday: "She just opened her eyes. It was wonderful. She had pipes from the ventilator in her mouth so could not talk but she could communicate by squeezing her mum's hands. Then she was taken off the ventilator and was able to talk."

Mr Wilson said that she could remember the crash only vaguely, recalling the car running into the trio as they stood outside the shop. "That's the last thing she remembers," he said. "After a week when her life was in the balance it is a great relief to see her smiling in bed and asking questions. She is gradually becoming more and more aware that she is in hospital and there is something wrong with her legs."

Her parents have been told to answer her questions truthfully and a child psychologist is standing by.

The driver of the car, a 19-year-old Middlesbrough man, has been arrested by police on suspicion of causing manslaughter. He is recovering from a broken arm and fractured pelvis in hospital. No charges have yet been laid against him.

Mother who slippered girl is cleared

A MOTHER found guilty of common assault for smacking her nine-year-old daughter had her conviction overturned by a judge yesterday.

The 28-year-old woman was formally cleared at Southampton Crown Court. The woman, who cannot be named, was convicted last December after pleading not guilty to assaulting her daughter. She admitted hitting the girl's bare bottom with a slipper, but said it was a reasonable punishment for stealing sweets.

Judge McLean upheld the woman's appeal against conviction. He said: "In the words of one of my colleagues, if a parent cannot slipper a child the world is going potty. I do not feel one need say more than that."

Outside the court the woman, from Southampton, said: "This is a tremendous relief. I did this because I care for my daughters, not because I wanted to hurt them. I punish them at home because I don't want them to end up in juvenile court or in care." She said she had had a lot of support from other mothers who felt that the use of corporal punishment should be allowed as a means of controlling children.

She added: "The whole thing has been a terrifying experience. I never thought that I would have been found guilty when the case came to court last December. It was that shock that made me determined to fight on and clear my name.

"I think it is very important for other parents too. They have to know that they have the right to punish their child when it does something wrong. I was very nervous about going back to court, but I was determined to win in the end.

"If Judge McLean hadn't ruled in my favour I would have taken this on to a higher court."

The mother, who also has another daughter aged seven, said her children were not normally naughty. "But you have to have the right to keep them in check. Corporal punishment is not illegal, and there is no way I should ever have been dragged through the courts."

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Cancer charity says doctors undermine teenage patients

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS are undermining the recovery of teenage cancer patients by failing to recognise their emotional needs, a cancer charity said yesterday. Doctors and nurses did not talk to young patients frankly and families tried to cocoon them from reality.

Professor Robert Souhami, head of a teenage cancer unit at the Middlesex Hospital, London, said that caring for teenagers alongside toddlers and babies on paediatric wards, or next to septuagenarians on adult wards, could undermine their optimism and resolve.

Launching a telephone helpline for patients and their families run by Cancerlink, an arm of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, he said that recognising teenagers' needs had lagged behind dramatic advances in treatment that cured six out of ten cases.

Margaret Evans, a Macmillan lecturer at Southampton General Hospital, said that it was essential to treat teenage sufferers as equals and to talk to them honestly. More than 2,000 teenagers have the disease, which is the second most common cause of death in their age group after accidents.

Sharon Tibble, 19, who contracted bone cancer at the base of her spine four years ago, said that her greatest need was for contact with other teenagers going through the same ordeal. "Parents do tend to wrap you up in cotton wool. If the helpline had existed then, it would have been very helpful." While receiving chemotherapy her weight fell from 8 stone to 5½ stone because the drugs made her vomit and her hair fell out. "I was frightened to eat or drink because I was throwing up all the time. In the end they had to feed me intravenously."

Niki Winnard was 14 when a brain tumour was diagnosed five years ago. In 1991, after radiotherapy had failed, she had brain surgery in which 85 per cent of the tumour was removed. Within three months it had grown back to twice its original size and she was given two weeks to live. "I went out and bought a bottle of Marks and Sparks sherry. I thought, if I'm going to go I might as well enjoy it."

Two years later the cancer has left her almost blind but otherwise well and she is running her own helpline, Help Adolescents With Cancer (HAWC), from her parents' home. "I think I was arrogant. I have always had this sense of happiness," she said. Her mother Hilda said that Niki's doctors did not know how she had survived.

The free Macmillan helpline, called Macline, is on 0800 591028 from 9.30am to 5pm on weekdays and to 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays. HAWC is on 061 688 6244.

☐ Children with asthma suffer unnecessarily because their condition is not properly controlled, according to a survey by Action Asthma, a group of British doctors (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Responses to 20,000 questionnaires showed that a quarter of sufferers had symptoms every day or most days. Two thirds had days off school or missed games. Forty three per cent panicked when their asthma was at its worst and a quarter had visited hospital during the previous year because of a bad attack.

The group's chairman, Dr Bill Holmes, said: "The way forward lies in educating patients, parents, nurses and doctors about asthma and raising expectations of what can be achieved."

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Shared line: Sharon Tibble and Margaret Evans



ANDRE CAMARA

The spirit of charity: Edward, aged seven months, gets to grips with the gavel at the launch of a sale of rare wines and spirits to raise money for the 'Tommy's campaign' charity for research into medical complications during childbirth, which was held at Sotheby's auction house yesterday

Girl is given liver-bowel transplant

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A BIRMINGHAM hospital has performed the same operation on a 2½-year-old girl as that which saved the life of Laura Davies, who travelled to America for her treatment.

Last night, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital said that the unnamed patient was in a critical but stable condition.

She was given a liver and small bowel transplant in an eight-hour operation on Saturday. The only other attempt at the operation in Britain was at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge in 1988, but the recipient, a man, died a few days later.

The two surgeons involved in the Birmingham operation, John Buckels and David Meyer, had flown to Pittsburgh to consult the doctors who treated Laura Davies. Mr Buckels said yesterday: "We are satisfied with the way the liver is working so far."

☐ Ivan Ladd, 52, was yesterday back at work in Wroughton, Wiltshire, 18 days after undergoing a heart transplant. He believes he may hold the record for the shortest stay in hospital after such an operation.

Jail privatisation official moves to Strangeways firm

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A SECOND senior civil servant involved in preparing detailed plans for privatising prisons has been poached by the private sector to join a company bidding for the contract to run Strangeways jail in Manchester.

The departure of the second in charge of the remand contract unit has raised fears among opposition MPs and penal reform groups of a conflict of interest in the prison privatisation programme.

David Sherwood's unit draws up the conditions to be met by private firms bidding for business in the penal system. His predecessor, Charles Erickson, left to join Group 4 as director of remand services in February. Group 4 runs the Wolds prison on Humberside and the first privatised prison escort service on Humberside and in the East Midlands.



Blair: questions over conflicts of interest

In another move, Peter Siddons, governor at Grendon jail near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, is to join United Kingdom Detention Services, which is to run Blakenhurst prison at Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, as head of inmate activities at the jail.

Mr Sherwood ended his duties with the remand contract unit last week after accepting a job with Mancare, a subsidiary of a French company. A prison service spokesman said yesterday: "Mr Sherwood is no longer working with the remand contract unit. He was taken off that work when he informed us that he was going to move to the private firm."

His case is to be referred to the Cabinet Office under civil service rules designed to stop conflicts of interest and prevent private companies gaining an unfair advantage in the awarding of contracts. The Cabinet Office has the power to delay his move to Mancare for up to two years.

Last night Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, expressed disquiet at the latest departure. "I am concerned to see if there is any potential conflict of interest and will be asking questions of the home secretary," he said.

Mancare, a subsidiary of the Sodexho corporation based in Warrington, Chesire, is one of six private sector companies that last week put in bids to run Strangeways. No one from the company was available to comment yesterday but last week Chris Carroll, a company spokesman, said it had recruited someone to be the governor of Strangeways in the event of the firm winning the contract.

Mr Sherwood was involved in drawing up the conditions demanded by the government for the running of Blakenhurst, but it is not known whether his duties involved specification for Strangeways, which has undergone a £63 million refurbishment since being almost destroyed in the worst prison riot in British penal history.

Officials in the prison service said they had not been surprised at his departure because greater private sector involvement in the penal system would result in more movement between the public service and private companies.

Sodexho is a French service company with a £1 billion turnover that employs 48,000 people in 40 countries. It claims to be the third largest contract caterer in the world and has designed, built and provides services for 3,500 inmates in five French prisons. It set up its UK subsidiary a few weeks ago.

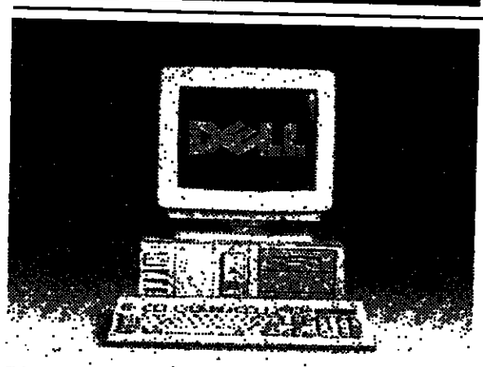
Mr Sherwood's decision to leave the public sector prison service is the latest departure to the private sector. United Kingdom Detention Services has appointed David Brookes, a senior governor who was attached to the prison service inspectorate, to be director of Blakenhurst.

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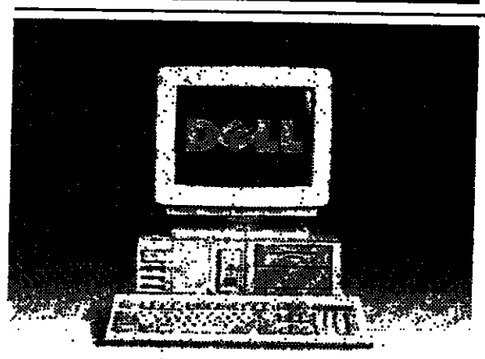
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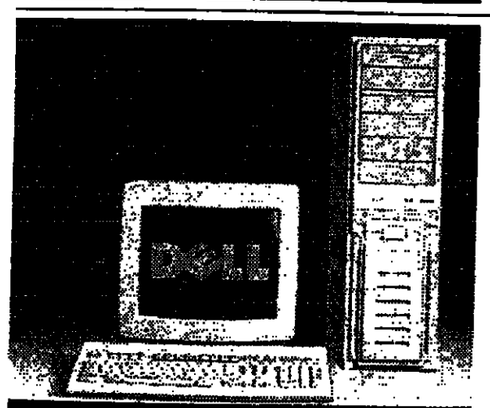
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Owner of wound-up chauffeur agency starts new business

BY ANGELA MACKAY

■ The polished veneer of life downstairs has been disturbed by the collapse of one of London's most pukka butler agencies

AN EXCLUSIVE staffing agency whose clients include Michael Heseltine, Dame Shirley Porter, King Constantine and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has been wound up with debts of about £100,000.

Anne Marie Andreae-Jones, the owner of Jeeves Chauffeur Agency and wife of a judge, has already restarted trading as Belgravia Bureau International. That company was formed four weeks ago, just ten days after her former agency was struck off the companies register. The premises have moved from Brompton Road in Knightsbridge, central London, around the corner to a small above-street office in Hans Crescent where Belgravia Bureau is conducting business despite not being licensed by the employment department.

Jeeves Chauffeur Agency provided butlers, cooks, housekeepers, chauffeurs and nannies to royalty, rock stars, industrialists, politicians and the aristocracy. Jeeves' clients have included Rocco Forte, chief executive of the eponymous hotel group; Anouska Hempel, the designer, and Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC.

The Official Receiver is wading through the company's finances. Jeeves Chauffeur Agency is also being investigated by the Inland Revenue and the DSS contributions agency. HM Customs and Excise successfully petitioned to have the company struck off the register after it failed to pay outstanding VAT of £20,000. Other creditors include ex-staff and Yellow Pages.

Former office staff told *The Times* that the telephone and electricity had been disconnected after bills went unpaid, that their wages were frequently late and that their pay cheques sometimes bounced. At least once, staff were paid by the personal cheque of Mrs Andreae-Jones's husband, William Andreae-Jones QC, a Crown Court recorder since 1982, after a Jeeves Chauffeur cheque was dishonoured.

The agency always managed, however, to maintain its upper crust image. One former employee in the office said "It was a very pukka agency, full of Sloany types."

Inland Revenue and the DSS became involved about 12 months ago after some of Jeeves' office staff became concerned that the Revenue had not been receiving their contributions. The DSS's contribution agency intervened after staff found that their national insurance contributions had not been made.

Jani Phillips, a member of Jeeves' staff for two years until March 1992, was awarded almost £7,000 by an industrial tribunal which ruled that she had been unfairly dismissed partly because of her "correspondence with the DSS over the non-payment by (Jeeves) of her national insurance contributions during her period of employment", according to the tribunal ruling.

Mrs Phillips said: "I was gobsmacked when I was made redundant. I was the most successful person in the office."

Jeeves Chauffeur's problems started four years ago when Adler Shine & Co, the company's accountants at the time, qualified the accounts for the year ended 31 March, 1989, which were also the last to be filed at Companies House.

Adler Shine said it had to accept assurances from Mrs Andreae-Jones that all the company's transactions were reflected in the records. It criticised the company for not having a reliable system of invoicing. The accountants also said that Jeeves had advanced loans totalling £126,948 to Mrs Andreae-Jones in violation of the Companies Act.

That year, Jeeves Chauffeur turned over £339,102 and showed a pre-tax profit of £59,049 after administrative expenses of £273,111. According to the accounts, £160,009 of the expenses were wages, salaries and social security costs and Mrs Andreae-Jones paid herself £20,000.

Jeeves Chauffeur is not the first company controlled by Mrs Andreae-Jones to be struck off the register. In March last year, Belgravia Bureau (London) Ltd was also wound-up.

Ian Davis, her solicitor, said: "I must say that we strongly denied at the tribunal that this woman [Mrs Phillips] was selected for redundancy because of her correspondence with the DSS although I accept that the tribunal found against us. We did lodge an appeal against the tribunal decision but as the Jeeves Chauffeur Agency is now in liquidation there was no point in pursuing it.

"I can say that I have been instructed to apply for a new licence from the Department of Employment and am in the process of doing so. I think it is extremely unfortunate. The situation in which she finds herself is not entirely, I believe, of her own making."



Sir Andrew: client of Jeeves Chauffeur Agency



Dame Shirley: supplied with domestic help

Unveiling of 'the rusty lump' deals blow to civic pride



NEWSTEAM

Big trouble: the statue of *Iron:Man* looms over Queen Victoria

Brummies struggle with metal fatigue

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

QUEEN Victoria wears a haughty face and looks away. Local residents call it "the rusty lump". Controversial is too mild a word for Birmingham's newest piece of public art, which was officially presented to the world yesterday.

Iron:Man is a 20ft iron body case, cast in four sections and embedded in the ground up to its ankles. As a visitor walks up New Street, it dominates the partly restored glory of Victoria Square in the city centre. Despite leaning 7.5 degrees backwards and five degrees to its left, it overshadows the square's smaller, upright statue of Queen Victoria.

Even the Public Art Commissions Agency, which organised the sculpture, calls the arrangement "an extraordinary juxtaposition".

Commissioned by the TSB, Anthony Gormley, the sculptor, says his £100,000 work "is rooted in the traditions of labour of Birmingham and the Black Country and is a celebration of the power of that tradition".

The strength of feeling aroused by *Iron:Man* has mobilised protest, and support, from all quarters of Birmingham. As shoppers gathered around the new work, Les Wallis spoke for the majority. "It ruins the square. The TSB must have been off their head to pay for this. I can't see what it means or the method to it," said the pensioner.

Samantha Taylor, whose pride in her city overcame aesthetic concerns, replied: "But at least it makes you stop. It provokes a reaction, like all community art in Birmingham."

In a city where conservation is a point of pride, Rose Arthurs summed up the strength of feeling over *Iron:Man*. "It makes us a bit of a laughing stock."

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Suspicious' man held near palace

A motorist was arrested early yesterday after he was seen near the gates of the Princess of Wales's London home for the second time in a week.

Officers gave chase after the 33-year-old man realised he had been seen near the gates of Kensington Palace and drove away. He was stopped near by, outside the Royal Albert Hall.

It is understood the motorist, who was arrested for breach of the peace and driving under the influence of drugs, was the same man held by police in the grounds of the palace in the early hours of last Tuesday. He was bailed to reappear at Kensington police station in July.

Widow of 91 attacked in bed

A 91-year-old widow, partially deaf and blind, was indecently assaulted in her bed at sheltered accommodation in Paddington, west London.

Police said that the woman was asleep when a man climbed through an open window, tried to rape her and fled with a few pounds.

Car wrecked

A police car was written off and two others damaged after being rammed during a chase through Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, involving a stolen Audi car. Youths of 15 and 16 were charged after the incident. The first was allowed bail and the second was remanded in custody.

Death charge

A man and a woman were arrested yesterday by police investigating the death of Miss Nancy Joyce, 82, who was dragged for 100 yards under a car in Walworth, south London, on Saturday. The car driver and his woman passenger ran off after the incident.

Body remand

Conor Downey, 24, unemployed, of Woking, Surrey, was remanded in custody by Brent magistrates yesterday charged with the 1988 murder of an unidentified woman whose body was dismembered and dumped in plastic bags in Limehouse, east London.

Driver held

Joseph Thomas Fitzpatrick, 24, a gas fitter, of Levenshulme, Manchester, was remanded in custody by Northwich magistrates charged with causing death by dangerous driving after two men were killed at Lostock Gralam near Northwich.

Top papers

The *Manchester Evening News* was named regional newspaper of the year in the *UK Press Gazette* Awards. Weekly newspapers of the year (over and under 20,000 circulation) were the *Bucks Free Press* and the *Stockport Express/Advertiser*.

Dead named

Three people killed in a road accident near Welshpool, Powys, at the weekend were named as Dudley Hodges, 43, his mother-in-law Dorothy Williams, 75, both of King's Norton, Birmingham, and Glynn Jones, 38, of Wroxeter, Shropshire.

Meadow move

A meadow at Portishead near Bristol is being moved 400 yards to save rare grasses and wild flowers from the bulldozer. The field is the site of Avon and Somerset police's new training school.

Fair cop

The mayor of Erewash, Derbyshire, Kathleen Trueman, was made an honorary police officer in thanks for her council's support for the force.

Rare sight

Twitchers flocked to Copeland Island near Bangor, co. Down, to see a White's thush normally confined to Asia.

Sex show too tame for Swedes

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SWEDISH television executives have refused to show ITV's controversial but critically acclaimed sex education programme *The Good Sex Guide* because it is "not naughty enough".

The series broke new ground when it was shown in Britain in January because of its light-hearted and explicit approach. It was sold this week to Finnish and Danish Television at the MIP international television sales fair in Cannes, France. But Swedish programmers dismissed it as tame and boring.

A spokesman from TV4, Sweden's main commercial station, said that the £700,000 series was too similar to the kind of programmes seen at school. "Swedish viewers are a lot more advanced and this programme is beneath them. It is far too tame," he said.

Programme makers at Carlton Television, which commissioned the series for the ITV network, said they still intended to commission a new series. Paul Corley, Carlton's controller of factual programmes, said: "However advanced in this sort of thing the Swedes think they are, the programme's success in Britain has convinced us there is a demand for a new series."

☐ An episode of *The New Statesman* has upset the Germans after it was picked as an entrant for the "TV Oscars" at Montreux. The episode, Heil and Farewell, features Rik Mayall as the politician Alan B'Stard who has bought Hitler's genitalia pickled in a jar.

A German broadcasting spokesman said: "It might be funny in Britain but it is rather insensitive because of the rise of neo-fascism in Germany." Yorkshire Television, which made the show, said: "It was not intended to cause offence."

Freed pets put wildlife in danger

BY NICK NUTTALL

BRITAIN'S native creatures are being put at risk by bored pet owners who are flouting the law and dumping unwanted foreign animals in gardens and the countryside.

Researchers from Surrey Wildlife Trust found a wide range of exotic species in the county's waterways and gardens, including large carnivorous American bullfrogs, Alpine newts and yellow bellied toads. The American frogs can grow up to 6in long and sometimes eat mice, snakes and small birds.

The trust said that its survey endorsed the findings of other groups around the country. Julia Wycherley, the trust's amphibian and reptile recorder, said the survey had unearthed other alien species including red-eared terrapins, tree frogs from West Africa and Italian newts.

Dr Tong Gent, reptile and amphibian ecologist at English Nature, the government's wildlife advisers, said yesterday there was always the risk that alien creatures might carry disease or could undermine the future for native species by breeding with them. "There is evidence that Italian crested newts are breeing with out native crested newt." The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 makes it illegal for people to release alien plant and animal species into the wild. While some find Britain too cold or inhospitable, history is littered with cases in which exotic creatures have taken hold. The rabbit, for example, was introduced by the Normans for food — as was the edible dormouse.

Gas chamber plot invented by wife, says magistrate

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE magistrate accused of attempted murder with a home-made gas chamber told Winchester Crown Court yesterday: "I have been set up by my wife." Cranog Jones said she had framed him because she wanted to keep their house.

Mr Jones, 44, claims he drilled a hole in their bedroom wall to fit a sink as a surprise birthday present for his wife Margaret, 42. He laid white piping across the conservatory roof at their house to check it was not obtrusive.

"Everything she has said, every allegation she has made is false," he said. After an affair with a colleague, he returned to his wife in October 1991 in a bid to patch up their 17-year marriage. He had spent hours working on her car and planning the secret birthday present.

But just six weeks after moving back to their home at Brockhampton, Gloucestershire, he realised the reconciliation was not working. He said: "I am a little naive when it comes to women and the things that they do. But it began to dawn on me that my wife was taking me for a sucker.

"I realised she wanted me out of the house. I didn't believe she wasn't having an affair." When he tried to talk to her after an initial argument about their failing marriage, she refused to listen and went to bed.

Mr Jones said: "I decided to take a petty, and with hindsight, a very stupid course of action. That was to go down to the garage and reverse all the work I had done on her car.

"I had altered the mixture and the timing on the car so I got dressed, went to the garage and started the car, pulling the choke full out.

"I was in the garage for about five minutes when I heard someone calling my name and looked up to see my ex-wife shouting from the bedroom window.

"There was no piping on the conservatory roof connected or unconnected. I went back into the garage and turned the car off because by that time I had finished doing what I was doing with the car.

"All her allegations are false. I have never had any box or piping connected in that bedroom. At no point in that time did I see Margaret again after looking up from the garage to the window.

"I never used the family's cat as a guinea pig for any murder bid. I was very upset by the cat's death. It belonged to my youngest daughter Cassandra. Somehow, it became trapped in a cardboard box at the back of the garage while I was doing some work on my car.

"I left the car engine running for about ten minutes and went for a cup of tea and when I returned I saw the cat had been trapped in there and had been badly affected by the fumes. As far as I could tell it was dead so I put it into a binliner and took it up the local tip." The trial continues today.

Lakes 'at risk' from road work

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

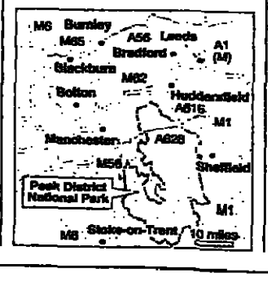
THE beauty of the Lake District could be destroyed by increased motor traffic if proposals to upgrade trans-Pennine roads are accepted by the transport department, according to a report by the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

Plans being studied by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, include further widening of the M62 and upgrading the A66.

Claims by the council that the plans include big improvements to the A628 and the A616 through the north of the Peak District National Park have already been firmly denied.

Tim Richardson of the council said: "Bigger, faster roads across the Pennines will not provide a long-term solution to environmental and economic problems."

A transport department spokesman said no decision on any options had yet been taken. "All we can say is that we will not be driving a road through the national park or undertaking any significant improvements on the roads which now go through it."



Growth spurt gives world of design a boost

BY KATE ALDERSON

UNDERWEAR, aeroplanes and cars are being redesigned to cater for the burgeoning bottom and the longer leg.

British Airways has set up a task force to design seats for the taller and broader passenger, and high street shops and car companies are measuring up to accommodate the growth in the average size of British bodies.

In the space of seven years, men and women have not only grown rapidly taller, but also heavier. In 1980, the man's average height was 173.9cm (5ft 8½)and the woman's 160.9cm (5ft 3in). By 1987, the last available figures, men measured 174.5cm (5ft 8¾ in) and women 161.7cm (5ft 3¾in). The average for a woman's weight was 62 kilograms (9st 10¼lb) in 1980, compared with 64.3kg (10st 1¼lb) in 1987, and men in 1980 weighed 73.6kg (11st 8¼lb) compared with 75.9kg ((11st 13¼lb) six years ago.

The changes have implications for products designed around the human body, according to Ian Galer, director of ICE Ergonomics, part of Loughborough University. "Humans' remarkable growth means the motor and clothing industries' perception of a prototype human being have had to change, especially for those who make uniforms."

A spokesman for the Ford Motor Company said it had responded to the larger body by fitting more seat adjustments and designing wider seats. Marks & Spencer has long recognised that its customers are getting bigger. A spokeswoman said: "Brassiere sizes are getting bigger, although the average is still 34B. A big lady used to be unusual, but not any longer. Our larger sizes, 18 and 20, are very popular."

Long Tall Sally, a women's clothes shop specialising in designs for taller and broader women, has seen sales increase by half during the past three years. Sallie Grayson, the company's managing director, said: "We notice that 17 and 18-year-olds are getting taller, and even 14-year-olds. Four times as many women in the 20-25 age group are 5ft 8in than in the 45-50 age group."

While the average adult women in Britain today is taller than many first world war soldiers and 4in taller than the average 200 years ago, the growth of the Japanese and Chinese has been much more rapid as a result of changing diets.

The average height of 17-year-old Japanese boys has gone up over a few decades from 5ft 4in to 5ft 8in, and the girls have become 3in taller since 1926. Shops in Japan are now selling extra long blankets and homes are being built with ceilings 1ft higher.

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Tory candidate claims a by-election win would confirm public confidence in John Major

Newbury campaigners say economy holds key to vote

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ *Early signs in the West Berkshire constituency point to a large number of voters waiting to be wooed on May 6*

NEWBURY Conservatives declared yesterday that victory in the May 6 by-election would confirm public confidence in John Major's government and boost Britain's economic recovery into the bargain.

Conceding that the economy is the key issue of the campaign, Julian Davidson, the Tory candidate, insisted that nothing would be changed if the Liberal Democrats won the Berkshire seat. By voting Conservative, the Newbury electorate would be displaying "some confidence" in the government's performance in the past year.

The ebullient Mr Davidson added: "Winning this seat would move on that confidence a little bit more."

His main rival, the Liberal Democrats' David Rendel, welcomed the Tory's admission that the economy is central to the campaign, but said: "I have never seen my Conservative opponent as an engine of recovery." As the main political parties entered the first full week of campaigning, the early signs pointed to a substantial mass of voters still waiting to be wooed. With the economy balanced precariously between recession and recovery, there appeared to be a marked reluctance by many to commit themselves.

The Conservatives' blue and pink placards sprout out of hedgerows, while the orange Liberal Democrat posters win most of the window space in Newbury homes. Posters for Steve Billcliffe, the Labour candidate, appear to be almost nonexistent.

The Conservatives are throwing all they've got into the campaign, with virtually every cabinet minister lined up to appear at some stage. The Liberal Democrats, according to Mr Rendel, are "pleasantly optimistic" of overturning the 12,357 majority in last year's general election of Judith Chaplin, the Conservative MP whose death prompted the by-election. Labour refuses to rule out success, despite polling fewer than 4,000 votes last year.

Paddy Ashdown arrived in the constituency last night to set out the message to be sent to the government by voting Liberal Democrat. In a highly personalised attack at a Newbury rally, the Liberal Democrat leader singled out for censure Michael Heseltine, John MacGregor, John Patten and Norman Lamont.

"If ever there was a moment to tell a government to mend its ways, this is that moment and this is that government."

Mr Ashdown predicted a terrible trade deficit and rising inflation unless the government was made to change its economic strategy.

Out on the stump, Mr Rendel was picking up disillusioned Conservatives on Newbury's housing estates with his low-key campaigning style. A long-standing Newbury councillor, he has the advantage of familiarity.

Both Labour and Liberal Democrats are centring on job and business losses in Newbury. The Liberal Democrats claim 16 local firms closed in just one month this year and 126 went out of business last year. "To Let" and "For Sale" notices litter the area, but the odd "Sold" can also be seen.

One Liberal Democrat canvasser commented: "With the economy on the turn, there's everything to play for."

□ 1992 general election: J Chaplin (C) 37,135; D Rendel (Lib Dem) 24,778; R Hall (L) 3,962; J Wallis (Green) 539. Con majority 12,357.



TED BATH

On the trail: Tory Julian Davidson, third from left, enlists the support of William Waldegrave, right

Islanders' protests force council to reduce tax bills

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

WESTERN Isles Council, which has set one of the highest levels of council tax in Britain, is to announce a large reduction in bills following a storm of protest in the Outer Hebrides.

Reports outlining cuts of up to £2 million have been prepared and were put before the council last night. Householders can now expect to see bills reduced by at least £86.

The council, which lost £23 million when the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapsed, had increased local taxation by an average of 97 per cent, according to the Scottish Convention of Local Authorities. Islanders complained that people in the lowest council tax band would pay £9 more than Michael Heseltine, the architect of the tax, would pay on his town house in Belgravia.

The outcry has united the inhabitants of the remote islands. The average council tax for the Western Isles was originally set at £478, plus water rates of £125. Most of the population, whose houses fall into Band A, had been told they would pay a total of £566 in council tax and water charges. That compares with a poll tax last year of £180 including water rates, one of the lowest in the country. The highest tax, for the four houses which fall into the top band, Band H, was set at £1,473 plus water rates.

The islanders say they could not afford the massive rise and nearly 3,000 of them took part in a protest march in Stornoway. A petition with 10,000 signatures was handed to the council and on the island of Barra there is a new BCCI — the Barra Committee against Council Incompetence.

Last night the council was meeting, ostensibly to discuss the Harris tweed bill which goes before the House of Lords on Thursday, but there was a move to suspend standing orders and discuss the council tax instead. Three options were outlined involving reductions of £1 million, £1.5 million and £2 million in total taxation. The £1 million reduction would lead to a cut of £86 in the bills of the 50 per cent of the population whose homes fall into Band A.

Robert Bennie, the council's director of finance, said the large rise had come about because the council wanted to kick-start the economy and ensure there was no deficit this year. The effects of the BCCI shortfall had already been dealt with, but a £2 million deficit remained because of poor poll tax collection, poor financial information and over-optimistic assumptions.

Protesters point out that facilities on the islands are minimal and that cuts would hardly be noticed. One said: "There are about three street lights on Barra and a wheelie bin collection every two weeks."



Heseltine: Belgravia bill lower than Barra's

Smooth switch allows cuts in finance staff

BY RAY CLANCY

THE change from community charge to council tax has been handled well by most local authorities, even though one in ten failed to produce a plan of action, according to a report published today.

Extra staff have not been needed to implement the changes and some councils are planning to reduce numbers working in finance offices by up to 66 per cent, the report from the Audit Commission says.

The staff reductions are expected to be a mixture of redeployment, natural wastage and redundancy, and average 24 per cent. Some staff are still being employed to deal with a backlog of unpaid poll tax.

Andrew Foster, controller of the Audit Commission, said: "Most authorities have geared themselves up to deal with the council tax, although many still have significant backlogs of community charge implementation. Authorities must continue to ensure that the council tax is operated as smoothly as possible."

The report highlights concern over computer equipment. The commission found that 42 per cent of authorities had bought temporary equipment to use during the changeover but only half had secured an option to return it. "Many authorities could be left with more computing capacity than they need," the report says.

The local government union has said that the effects of the community charge will continue for many years. Dennis Reed, Nalgo's national officer, said: "The poll tax has not yet gone away. The councils will be collecting arrears until the end of the century." He challenged the report's conclusion that extra staff were not needed and added that hundreds of temporary workers were employed throughout the country to cope with the transition.

The Audit Commission plans to continue to monitor the situation. A national study of the management of the council tax is to be undertaken later this year.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities said that the transition had been relatively smooth. Most councils had been able to issue bills on time on April 1 and there had been only a "few hiccups".

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Sombre MPs back foreign secretary's cautious line on military action in Bosnia

Hurd warns of dangers in air strikes against Serbs

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

MPs yesterday supported Douglas Hurd's cautious approach to the worsening situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. There was only limited backing for air strikes and any call for direct action was muted.

Sir Giles Shaw, a senior Conservative backbencher, seemed to sum up the mood when he said that they were "grateful for the fact that Mr Hurd is keeping his head while many around him are losing theirs, including those *with coronets on*".

Mr Hurd, the foreign secretary, made it clear that while the United Nations was hoping that tighter sanctions against Serbia would end the conflict, other action, including air strikes, was still being considered. Time and again he emphasised that any action had to make the situation better, not worse. And, he said, *the international community*, in deciding what action to take, had to think ahead to where it would be in a few weeks or a few months.

The Commons was in sombre mood during the hour-long questioning of the foreign secretary and there *was widespread support for* the most rigorous enforcement of sanctions, particularly the tougher ones agreed over the weekend.

Dennis Skinner, the left-wing Labour MP for Bolsover, told the Liberal Democrats and any others pressing for direct action to "if you haven't got the guts to put your own flak jackets on, don't ask me to call upon other kids to spill their blood".

Dr Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, criticised the decision to delay until next Monday the imposition of further sanctions against Serbia. Labour, he said, backed the government's policy of an arms embargo and called for the UN Security Council to issue an ultimatum to the Serbs. They should be prepared to offer safe passage for refugees, women and children, the wounded and soldiers who had surrendered; there should be a permanent ceasefire; and the Serbs should agree to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan. "Unless they are prepared to do that, the security council should consider authorising a punitive air strike against the Serbs' supply lines in Bosnia."

Dr Cunningham recognised *the significant* risk of civilian casualties from such a policy. "It may be that such an action and the continuation of the humanitarian aid effort are simply mutually exclusive," he said. "That is a matter for very, very difficult and serious political judgment."

Mr Hurd said: "I cannot quite see a great deal of point in a single punitive air strike if that put at risk the whole humanitarian effort of the UN."

Sir Russell Johnston, for the Liberal Democrats, suggested the deployment of UN troops between the Serbs and the Muslims.

Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, sought to raise the temperature when he said: "Do none of the second-rate ministers in this third-rate administration realise that their spunklessness in backing the Vance-Owen plan — which is hopeless and now dead — and in pursuing the ineffectiveness of sanctions, has led to the deaths of thousands upon thousands of Bosnian Muslims who have not had the weapons to defend themselves?" He pressed for the introduction of terms "that actually stop Serb aggression by bombing their communications, their lines of supply, their airfields and the arms factories that are supplying them".

Mr Hurd replied quietly: "It is all very well for Mr Faulds, in that stentorian tone, to make those eloquent phrases, but we have to be sure, before we go down that path, that the result is going to be the saving of life."

Replying to Sir Cranley Onslow, Tory MP for Woking, Mr Hurd said that evidence of atrocities was being collected for the security council. Michael Ancram, Tory MP for Devizes, said that while military intervention might prevent atrocities in the short-term, it could lead to a wider conflict and civil war throughout the region.

Michael Colvin, Tory MP for Romsey and Waterside, was loudly cheered when he said that President Yeltsin was taking £28 billion from the West with one hand while with the other he was still giving arms and assistance to the Serbs. "The umbilical cord between Moscow and Belgrade must be cut," he said.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



To the point: Mr Hurd and Malcolm Rifkind after a cabinet meeting yesterday

Government fights a holding action

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Douglas Hurd bought time for the government over Bosnia yesterday. He left open the military options — not least because the Clinton administration is still making up its mind — while underlining the government's continuing doubts about arming the Bosnian Muslims and about air attacks against the Serbs. There was less pressure from Tory MPs for military action than ministers expected, or feared, after weekend comments, while Jack Cunningham's intervention was generally supportive in tone, softening the impact of the *toughening of Labour's line* on Friday by John Smith.

Mr Hurd was at his most authoritative, in effect conducting an hour-long seminar to educate the Commons in the difficulties of the various options. This reflected the discussion, and the advice of the defence chiefs, at yesterday's meeting of the cabinet's defence and overseas policy committee. It was a pity that Baroness Thatcher was not in the peers' gallery to listen to the exchanges.

The government does not, however, have unconditional support for relying just on sanctions. The mood was rather of sceptical apprehension about the existing policy, underpinned by reluctance to urge military action. There were more dissenters than before Easter, but they were more Labour than Tory MPs.

But, as last night's Mori poll taken over the weekend for the BBC's *Panorama* programme shows, the government is lagging behind public opinion. Three-fifths are dissatisfied with its handling of the Bosnian situation, more than double the level of dissatisfaction before the air war in the Gulf in January 1991 and four times the level during the Falklands war. Half the public now believes the government is not doing enough and nearly two-thirds would favour sending an international force, including British troops, to stop the fighting.

These findings could easily change if British troops are killed but they indicate the extent of public concern over the horrors shown on television, as articulated by Lady Thatcher a week ago.

Policy is still in flux. Mr Hurd left the door, however reluctantly, ajar. "We cannot refuse to look at all ideas, including those which have been considered before but not adopted. It is essential that policy should be agreed by the international community," he said.

No one disputes that a settlement cannot be imposed by force and most accept, at least in public, that the aim should be to secure Serbian support for the Vance-Owen plan. The point at issue is whether even the tougher sanctions agreed over the weekend will be sufficient to induce the Belgrade government to put pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to halt their aggression and to sign up to the plan. Mr Hurd appealed for sanctions to be given a chance. Many Tory MPs have their doubts, in view of past failures of sanctions, but they are not yet prepared to propose force because of their fears that this would in time involve ground troops.

There is pressure in Washington for a tougher line, particularly from members of the National Security Council staff, *although this has not yet* turned into specific American pressure on Europe for *military action*.

The Clinton administration is more likely to favour a relaxation of the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims rather than air strikes on Serbian supplies. But the British view is the reverse. While ministers, though not the opposition parties, still have grave doubts about air attacks, the leaderships of all parties are united against relaxing the arms embargo.

Yesterday's statement was a skilful holding operation. Some of the emotions of the past week have abated. But the pressures for military action have not disappeared. Ministers may have won room for manoeuvre at Westminster, but what matters now is the decisions taken in the United States and whether American politicians and public are willing to engage militarily in a European conflict.

PETER RIDDELL

Beckett threatens to oppose PR report

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Beckett, the deputy Labour leader is threatening to disrupt tonight's final meeting of the Plant commission on electoral reform by demanding a dissenting minority report.

*Mrs Becket*t, who has been a vigorous defender of the first past the post system for electing MPs, failed to persuade the commission last month to put forward a series of options including retaining the current electoral system.

After the working party decided to abandon the first past the post system and to opt for the supplementary vote, a limited form of PR, she walked out of the meeting. Yesterday Mrs Beckett made it clear that she was still considering demanding a minority report.

The commission, chaired by Lord Plant, will tonight approve the final report which is due to go to Labour's national executive meeting next week before publication. John Smith has not been an enthusiast for PR. The Plant report, or a list of options, is then expected to be sent out for consultation before a final decision is taken in July or September.

Mr Smith has insisted that the issue *will be settled at the* party conference in September, but some shadow cabinet members are urging him to support an referendum on the issue after the next election.

The revised document includes an appendix showing how the supplementary vote system would have translated into seats at the last election. It incorporates an expanded section on the supplementary vote. Under the system, which was only supported by a narrow majority, the electorate vote in order of preference. If no one secures 50 per cent of the vote outright, the votes of all but the first two are shared, according to preference, between the two leaders.

A section has also been added advocating an overhauling of the voting process, with elections at weekends rather than on Thursdays. Electors would be allowed to vote up to eight days before a general election day. Four-year fixed-term parliaments are also proposed.

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Ideology under pressure

Labour should abandon its remaining ideological commitment to nationalisation by scrapping clause four of the party's constitution, Bill Jordan, president of the AEEU engineering union, said yesterday (Philip Bassett writes).

Mr Jordan's remarks, at the union's annual conference in Llandudno, echo similar proposals from some senior Labour party figures. John Smith, the Labour leader, is likely to be pressed on the issue when he addresses the Scottish TUC in Glasgow today — his first major speech to a union conference since taking over the party leadership last year.

Mr Jordan told the conference that clause four, which commits Labour to the nationalisation of methods of production, distribution and *exchange in industry*, was "obsolescent". "Seventy-five years on, the Labour party is more than just a workers' party representing trade unionists at Westminster. It is a party that must represent all ordinary men and women regardless of sectional *interest*."

Creche hopes

Demands for Commons creche facilities for MPs' children were answered partially when Alan Beith, representing the Commons Commission, announced a survey to gauge members' opinion.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: defence; prime minister. Debate on an Opposition motion on schools.
Lords (2.30): Education *bill, committee.*

'Iceberg' clause threatens new defeat over Maastricht

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND JILL SHERMAN

THE government faces the possibility of defeat later this week on the Maastricht bill after an unexpected decision yesterday that MPs will, after all, be allowed to vote on the *social chapter*.

Ministers also faced another setback when Labour Euro-sceptics, Peter Shore and Tony Benn, tabled a motion last night calling for Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker to reconsider his decision on amendment 27 which reverses Britain's opt-out of the social chapter.

After last week's furore when MPs were denied the chance to vote on the social chapter, Mr Morris announced yesterday that they would be allowed to vote on a further social chapter amendment, clause 74, which is likely to come before the Commons on Thursday.

Tory Euro-sceptics and the Labour leadership seized on his decision as another opportunity to embarrass the government. The amendment, new clause 74, dubbed by Labour sources as "the iceberg amendment", requires a separate Commons vote on the social chapter before the Maastricht ratification bill takes effect.

After the announcement in the Commons, Labour MPs still complained about not being allowed a vote on amendment 27, which is aimed at deleting Britain's opt-out from the social chapter. Privately they voiced de*light that after a long session* of representations to Mr Morris he had relented on new clause 74. They also remain hopeful that the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, may yet select amendment 27 when the bill returns to the House for its report stage.

Dr Jack Cunningham, the *shadow foreign secretary, said* the deputy Speaker's ruling "has not changed our view about the significance of amendment 27" and that he had given "no valid reason" why MPs should not be allowed to vote on it.



Cunningham: opposed to censure motion

Dr Cunningham had been doing his utmost to prevent the Labour Euro-sceptics going ahead with what they regarded as censure motion on Mr Morris. Several Tory MPs also seemed unenthusiastic about the move, unwilling to support a motion which was likely to be lost.

Dr Cunningham later said that if the censure motion was lost it could jeopardise Labour's chances of persuading *Miss Boothroyd* to accept amendment 27 at the report stage of the bill. "It is the wrong judgment in these circumstances and risks losing amendment 27 altogether." Dr Cunningham said.

Mr Morris was earlier subjected to an increasingly personal barrage of complaints from MPs opposed to the Maastricht bill who saw amendment 27 as their best hope of wrecking the treaty. Some Labour MPs accused Mr Morris of not acting impartially in his selection of amendments. Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, said there was "something bent" about the decision. The deputy Speaker was "acting like a Tory MP of behalf of the government", Mr Skinner said.

Fowler declares recession over

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday declared the recession over — 30 months after the longest downturn in output since the 1930s. A week ahead of new GDP figures expected to show a rise of at least 0.5 per cent in the first quarter of the year, Sir Norman Fowler gave the most optimistic assessment of the economy since 1990.

Ever since Norman Lamont's ill-starred "green shoots" prediction in the autumn of 1991, senior ministers have been reluctant to forecast decisively the economic outlook. But yesterday Sir Norman, the party chairman, cast aside caution. "The recession is over. We are recovering. We are recovering industrially. We are recovering economically," he said.

Pressed at a press conference in London on next month's county council elections, Sir Norman went well beyond past ministerial predictions.

The danger for Sir Norman is that if that the economic rebound proves short-lived, ministers will again face accusations that they have talked up the upturn on the basis of fragile evidence.

Sir Norman argued that the Conservatives were on an upward curve in the Newbury by-election on May 6 and the county council elections on the same day. He said that the government would hold the seat left vacant by the death of Judith Chaplin.

"The strengthening economy provides an excellent background to the Conservative campaign for the elections on May 6. No one is claiming that all our economic problems are over — but it is equally clear that Conservative policies to boost our economy are bearing fruit."

Sir Norman was backed by Michael Howard, the environment secretary, and John Redwood, the local government minister, in making the Liberal Democrats, the main challengers in the by-election and many of the county hall votes, the object of their scorn.

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Italians deliver decisive vote for poll reform

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

The referendum result reflects popular rejection of corrupt party politics. A government is to be formed in Rome to oversee the change to a new voting system

PRESIDENT Scalfaro of Italy yesterday began searching for a new government to oversee electoral reform after Italians voted overwhelmingly to end proportional representation and half a century of corrupt party politics.

Exit polls showed 82.4 per cent of voters in the two-day referendum choosing a mainly first-past-the-post system to be introduced in the senate, and by implication mandating similar reform in election of the lower house, the chamber of deputies.

"This is an extraordinary victory," said Mario Segni, the leader of the referendum movement and a former Christian Democrat politician. "With the help of God the Italian people succeeded in making this choice peacefully and in a democratic way."

Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, went to the Quirinal Palace yesterday afternoon and told the president why "he considers the task of his government is over," according to a presidential statement. Signor Amato is expected to hand in his resignation later this week after a parliamentary debate that President Scalfaro hopes will cast light on what sort of government the political parties are willing to join to oversee the implementation of reform.

The leader of Signor Amato's Socialist party, Giorgio Benvenuto, indicated that the prime minister should not attempt to form a second government. Signor Benvenuto has in recent weeks changed his mind repeatedly on whether to support Signor Amato.

Signor Segni announced a victory party for his supporters in the Piazza Navona in Rome last night and the editor of the *Corriere della Sera*, Paoli Miele, called for Signor Segni to be the next prime minister. Leaders of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) called on its militants to attend celebrations at party headquarters. Marco Pannella, the leader of the Radical party, said that the vote was as striking as the referendums that led to the legalisation of divorce and abortion in Italy in the 1970s. In a separate referendum, 88 per cent of voters supported an end to most public financing of parties, considered a key cause of corruption in the post-war Italian republic.

But commentators said that Signor Scalfaro faced a difficult task in trying to usher in a new government to steer reform through parliament, not least because of squabbling between different parties in favour of reform. Signor Pannella already has accused the leader of the PDS, Achille Occhetto, of seeking to betray the wishes of the electorate by calling for a two-round winner-takes-all-system on French lines. Signor Pannella favours a single-round winner-takes-all system on the British model. Signor Occhetto has called repeatedly for an "institutional government" including the PDS and the opposition Republicans as well as the four parties in Signor Amato's coalition — the Socialists, Christian Democrats, Liberals and Social Democrats. Signor Occhetto strongly rejected the criticisms of Signor Pannella.

The Christian Democrat leader, Mino Martinazzoli, on Sunday reiterated his objection to joining a government headed by a leader of the PDS. His party has expressed doubts about the ability of the PDS to deal with the country's economic problems.

Pundits yesterday were watching to see if the PDS or the Christian Democrats would seek a compromise in the light of the huge vote in favour of change. The Christian Democrats have also so far resisted suggestions that the Lombardy League should join a new government.

The bickering is a reminder that politicians' attitudes will not necessarily change overnight despite the referendum. Newspapers speculated that Signor Scalfaro may resort to asking Signor Amato to form a second government in which most ministers would be technical experts — a so-called "government of professors". Signor Pannella has let it be known he would support such an administration. But commentators agree that any government lacking the support of the PDS is unlikely to be much more than a stop-gap before an early general election.

Opinion polls show that, in the wake of the corruption scandal that has convulsed the country over the past year, the Christian Democrats would win only 18 per cent in a general election held now, compared with 20 per cent for the PDS. If the parties cannot reach an agreement, the country risks the prospect of a general election with different voting systems for the senate and the chamber of deputies.



Blonde ambition: Alessandra Mussolini, the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement MP, casts her vote in Rome

Marksmen guard ghetto ceremony

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

WARSAW was under the tightest security since martial law yesterday to prevent demonstrations by right-wing skinheads or actions by foreign terrorists from derailing the fiftieth anniversary commemorations of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

Marksmen from three countries patrolled rooftops as politicians, including Al Gore, the American vice-president, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, and Rita Süssmuth, the German parliamentary Speaker, laid wreaths at the stark marble monument in what was the ghetto's heart. The anniversary, under the patronage of President Walesa of Poland and President Herzog of Israel, is an attempt to reconcile Poles with Jews and to dispel Jewish charges of Polish anti-Semitism.

The anniversary has been dogged by the controversy over a Carmelite convent near the Auschwitz concentration camp and by arguments among ghetto survivors about who can rightfully speak for the resistance. The Polish government became nervous that the occasion would backfire on Warsaw when about 60 skinheads marched through the streets on Saturday to protest against the thousands of Jews who have come to Warsaw for the ceremonies.

When the skinheads tried to gather on Sunday for a second day of trouble, they found themselves picked up one by one by the police. Commando and anti-terrorist units surrounded all central hotels, all restaurants serving kosher food, a café that plays Israeli music and the Yiddish theatre. Plainclothes agents have been watching the Jewish cemetery and helicopters clatter over where the ghetto stood until the Nazis razed it in 1943. In addition, Israeli Mossad agents have been in Warsaw for three weeks checking on the movements of foreigners from the Middle East.

Amid the intensity of the security, however, it has been difficult to find a spontaneous spark: Poles and Jews are still being kept at arm's length. On Sunday night, Polish Jewish students, forced into emigration or expelled from university during the 1968 anti-Semitic purges, managed to stage a big reunion party in a hired theatre, but there have been few such occasions.

Mr Walesa used Mr Gore's presence yesterday to urge Washington to continue to expand aid for reformers in Eastern Europe. The Poles fear that the new US administration is devoting all its energy to aiding President Yeltsin and Russia's fledgeling reforms and leaving Central Europe to struggle alone.

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Hani's killing has given ANC radicals new heart for battle

FROM RAY KENNEDY AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ Pragmatists in the leadership of the African National Congress have opted for negotiation. However, they are being undermined by the violent turn of events

THE assassination of Chris Hani, the South African Communist leader, has given new impetus to long-standing allegations of a right-wing white conspiracy to wreck the peace process, and persuaded the African National Congress to embrace radicalism publicly.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, has repeatedly made the point that the gun which killed Hani was among weapons that disappeared from an air force armoury in Pretoria two years ago. A leading right-winger, Piet Rudolph, was accused of stealing the weapons but was granted indemnity last year after months as a fugitive.

More fuel was added to the conspiracy theory by the weekend arrest of Clive Derby-Lewis, a former MP of the Conservative Party and member of the President's Council, who is being questioned about links with Janusz Walus, the Polish immigrant accused of killing Hani. Even as Hani's body lay in state on Sunday, four black gunmen hijacked a car in Sebokeng south of Johannesburg, killed the driver and his wife, and then opened fire randomly in the township killing 17 people. One injured woman said yesterday that before they shot her they called: "Do you know what your children are doing?"

The incident bore the hallmark of what the ANC calls "third force" activity — the hiring of thugs by clandestine groups to carry out their dirty work. The government has always denied the existence of a "third force" within the security forces, but last November investigators acting for the Goldstone commission of inquiry into public violence raided an operations unit of military intelligence in Pretoria. They seized files outlining plans to compromise criminally members of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. Soon afterwards, President de Klerk announced that 23 senior army officers, including two major generals, would be retiring early.

The parties of the mainstream right are the Conservative Party, led by Andries Treurnicht, who broke away from the ruling Nationalists in 1982, and the Herstigte Nasionale Party.

The rabid right is headed by the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) under Eugene Terre'Blanche. AWB members, in khaki uniforms and Nazi-style insignia, were conspicuously visible on the fringes of the Hani funeral cortege.

But the most dangerous recent development has been the formation of rogue cells of right-wingers who consider even the AWB to be too moderate. After the killing of a white mother and two teenagers by black gunmen near Johannesburg last month, Mr Terre'Blanche said that a renegade AWB cell was planning a series of revenge attacks.

There has always been a strain of radicalism within the ANC, but since the organisation's legitimisation in 1990 that has been balanced by a more thoughtful, pragmatic tendency. The pragmatists believe that power cannot be transferred to the black majority except by negotiation. The insurrectionists believe that power can be seized from white hands by the people taking to the streets, and making it impossible for the ministers to govern.

At present the insurrectionists are in the driving seat. The ANC wants to coerce the government into naming an election date for the official end of white rule. More immediately, they want the installation of a transitional executive council which would take joint control of the security forces.

This new militancy is fuelled by the bitterness and anger among the black community over Hani's death. He was the nearest thing the country had to a popular hero, brave on the battlefield, clever in the corridors, incandescent on a platform.

The genuine anger is reflected in this characteristic remark by a township resident to a black reporter: "We knew they would kill him. This time they are going to pay. This is totally unacceptable. Now is the time for everyone to start preparing for a full-scale war against these vultures."

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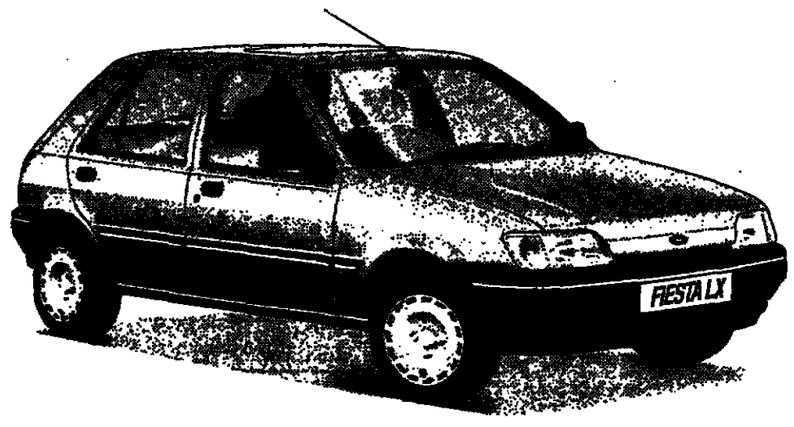


Outrider: Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement. His supporters were conspicuous on the fringes of Hani's funeral

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Arab deportees savour sweet scent of revenge

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MARJ AZ-ZAHOUR

AFTER 125 days in exile, Palestinians dumped by Israel in what was a snowy no man's land are now thriving in this makeshift camp that, true to its name — Arabic for "field of flowers" — is alive with spring blossoms.

The 396 deportees see their survival and the problems their mass deportation has caused for Israel as sweet revenge on Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister who sent them into exile. "We did not want to become heroes," said Abdel Aziz Rantisi, their leader, a doctor from the occupied Gaza Strip. "but the evil-doer Rabin brought it upon himself."

Since they were left on a rocky hillside between Israeli and Lebanese army lines, conditions for the men, who originally numbered 415, have improved greatly. Despite Lebanon's refusal to allow them entry, they have settled into a routine whose propaganda value has been boosted since they acquired a satellite telephone and a fax line, donated by left-wing Italian sympathisers.

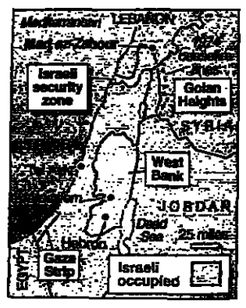
Their camp now has a medical tent, cars, generators, televisions, shortwave radios and a donkey for smuggling food. Even a shop has been opened in a nearby building by an enterprising — and increasingly wealthy — farmer. The exiles use three cellphones to call their families and to do live broadcasts for international news organisations whose interest in their plight has been reawakened by last Friday's protest march aimed at sabotaging the Middle East peace talks.

The deportees boast of the deteriorating security situation in Israel since they were banished in revenge for the kidnapping and murder of a border policeman. "Four hundred men thrown out with nothing have succeeded in pressurising Israel and promoting international awareness about their humiliation," said Omar Ferwana, head of the medical team, which includes ten doctors and uses medicines smuggled in by night.

Since the bizarre camp sprung up in the shadow of the still snowy peak of Mount Hermon, it has sprouted a growing collection of white burial flags. One has been planted in protest every day since the United Nations Security Council passed resolution 799, calling for the men's immediate return, but took no action to force Israel to obey it.

"The Palestine Liberation Organisation has betrayed us because it claimed it would never contemplate making peace again with Israel until we had all returned home," said Aziz Dweik, 45, a father of six from the occupied West Bank. "We know that if they do decide to talk they will never be able to live in their homes again, because they will be cursed day and night by the Palestinian people."

The Islamic fanaticism of the exiles, all alleged followers of Hamas or Jihad, the two main Muslim Palestinian factions, has grown during their aimless days in no man's land. With more extreme protests, such as last week's self-styled "death march", the exiles have proved that, with modern communications, even the remotest corner of a barren region can be turned into a political platform with wide international ramifications. "We are all determined on one thing," Dr Dweik said. "We will never be forgotten in this world or the next."



☐ Sidon: Gunmen firing silenced pistols yesterday assassinated Ibrahim Abdel Magid Turkiyeh, 40, an official of the PLO's Fatah group in southern Lebanon, security sources here said, adding that the killing was part of a Palestinian power struggle. *(Reuter)*

Hamas death threat to Palestinian delegate

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE Palestinian delegation to the Middle East talks has been threatened with violence by radicals opposed to negotiations with Israel, for the first time since the peace process began in 1991.

Activists from the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, have threatened to kill the deputy head of the negotiating team, Saeb Erekat. "Four hooded men came to our house and threatened to kill Saeb within 48 hours unless he withdrew from the peace talks," said his wife, speaking from their home at Jericho, in the West Bank. He was abroad at the time. "They also threatened to set light to our house with our children inside and torch the car."

There are fears that the warning could be the start of an all-out fight among Palestinians in the occupied territories. The Palestine Liberation Organisation's Fatah group, which supports the talks, has long been the dominant political force in the territories, and opposition from rejectionist groups has been largely peaceful. However, since the deportation of 415 Islamic militants to Lebanon in December, extremist groups have gained in popularity and may now feel strong enough to challenge Fatah on the streets.

☐ Cairo: Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi foreign minister, has urged other Gulf states to release funds for the PLO blocked in 1990 over its stance during the Gulf conflict, Palestinian delegates to the peace talks said. The gesture was thought to be aimed at easing the PLO's isolation and encouraging the Palestinians to attend the forthcoming round of talks. *(Reuter)*

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Croat shelling adds to the dangers of UK troops in Vitez

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND ADAM LEBOR IN SPLIT

■ If the fighting between the nominally allied Croats and Muslims continues around the central Bosnian town, the aid supply route from Split in Croatia could be cut

THE explosion of an artillery shell 200 yards from the British military camp at Vitez in central Bosnia yesterday highlighted the growing dangers faced by soldiers who are serving with the United Nations protection forces.

The shell, a 152mm calibre fired from the Croat howitzer nicknamed "Nora", located about a quarter of a mile from the camp, was not aimed directly at the base. British military sources in Bosnia said. The gun has been used in the past few days as a direct-fire weapon against Muslim targets in the town.

About 800 soldiers from the Cheshire Regiment, 9th/12th Lancers, and other regiments are based at the camp. It is located in the local primary school, which is at the opposite end of the town to principal Muslim military positions.

Ministers in London were keeping a close watch on events in Vitez. In January, after Serbs deliberately shelled the British forward logistics base at Tomislavgrad in southwest Bosnia, the government sent a small naval task force, led by the aircraft carrier, HMS *Ark Royal*, to the Adriatic with extra soldiers and 105mm light guns, but the additional firepower has remained at sea.

Defence ministry sources said ministers regarded the latest eruption of fighting between Croats and Muslims in Vitez as part of the general escalation of violence in central Bosnia. Originally, the British base was to have been in the mainly Muslim town of Tuzla, but the location was switched to Vitez because the supply route to Tuzla meant crossing Serb lines.

If the Croat-Muslim fighting continues in Vitez, the supply route from Split in Croatia could also be cut. A military spokesman in Split said a convoy was due to leave Split today for Vitez. Between 150 and 200 people have been killed in four days of fighting, according to a British military spokeswoman.

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, commander of the Cheshire Regiment, said his men were "sometimes being shot at" during the fierce battles. Lt Col Stewart said on BBC radio that he had spoken to both local commanders and had arranged for a ceasefire to start at midnight. "The ceasefire in Vitez is spasmodic but most certainly in the area to our east there is a fierce battle taking place at the moment," he said. "We are saving lives by going to places where no one else can go and pulling out children, women, old men, and frankly anyone who is injured."

Clashes spread yesterday from Vitez to Kiseljak, 20 miles west of Sarajevo, where the UN headquarters is based. At least six civilians were killed and many more wounded, UN sources said.

☐ **Turks airborne:** Turkey yesterday confirmed the departure of F16 fighter bombers to join the Clear Skies operation, enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia, despite a ban on flights over Greece (writes Andrew Finkel).

The planes, four of a total commitment of 18, took a more circuitous route along flight paths south of Crete. Bulgaria, too, has imposed a ban. Michalis Papaconstantinou, the Greek foreign minister, was in Ankara yesterday and was told of Turkey's anger over what it sees as a hostile gesture by a Nato ally.

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Wounded airlifted from Srebrenica

FROM LAURA PITTER IN TUZLA

THEIR screams drowned out by the roar of engines and rotor blades, the bandaged and mutilated refugees from Srebrenica were carried yesterday from the huge white United Nations helicopters that had ferried them to the relative safety of Tuzla.

Men, women and children were carried off the aircraft. Some were clutching a pathetic handful of possessions, all they had been able to rescue from the year-long siege of their town.

More than 100 seriously sick and wounded were flown out yesterday after the Muslim-defended east Bosnian town was declared a "safe area" by the UN to protect it from the advancing Serbs. Some of the refugees had heavily bandaged stumps after recent amputations.

Others winced in agony with every movement as they were taken out of the helicopters on stretchers and rushed to hospital. Some had infected wounds, the result of makeshift surgery, often performed in primitive conditions without anaesthetic.

Even after the relief flights on Sunday and yesterday, an estimated 280 wounded remained in Srebrenica and UN officials were beginning to doubt that they could get them all out by late last night. "There are more people in there who need help," Rod Kay, operations officer with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Muslim-controlled Tuzla, said. "We would like to take all of them out but, to be realistic, we will possibly only be able to take 200 if there are no hold-ups by the Serbs."

The Puma and Sea King helicopters began the rescue operation on Sunday under a UN-mediated ceasefire agreement signed by Muslim and Serb military commanders in Sarajevo. The agreement was intended to allow those who want to leave to be evacuated, but a UN land convoy that reached Srebrenica yesterday was prevented by the town's Muslim authorities from evacuating anyone. Lyndall Sachs, a UNHCR official, said the relief convoy of nine lorries would abide by the Muslim decision. "We're not taking anyone out," she said. *(Reuter)*



Painful arrival: a wounded refugee from Srebrenica grimaces as he helped on to a stretcher in Tuzla where he was flown aboard a UN helicopter yesterday

UN aims to tighten Yugoslavia noose with new sanctions

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE sanctions adopted by the United Nations Security Council at the weekend are intended to plug several holes in the earlier trade embargo on the rump state of Yugoslavia, and are the most severe ever imposed by the UN.

The original embargo, introduced last May, banned the import or export of any goods and commodities except food and medicine, cut air links, suspended sporting and cultural ties, and froze Yugoslavia's foreign assets. It was designed to minimise damage to neighbouring countries dependent on transport routes through Serbia and Montenegro by allowing trans-shipment of goods across Yugoslav territory provided the cargoes were notified to the United Nations. Those lax provisions for trans-shipment were abused by the Serbs, who managed to get oil and other supplies by land, by sea and along the Danube.

Officials of the European Community and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe reported in Bulgaria last week that about 90 per cent of the goods supposed to be shipped across Serbia to Macedonia had ended up in Serbia in violation of the embargo. Even the Bulgarian rolling stock carrying the cargo was seized. Countries supplying Yugoslavia also commonly claimed that their goods were destined for Serb-controlled areas of Bosnia or Croatia that were not included in the embargo.

Until Western nations put pressure on Romania last autumn, a large amount of oil and other commodities were finding their way to Serbia down the Danube. And at least three ships slipped into the Montenegrin port of Bar to unload oil, the most recent delivering three weeks' supply despite the Western naval blockade in the Adriatic.

The latest resolution imposes a virtual ban on the trans-shipment of goods across Yugoslavia or Serb-held parts of Bosnia and Croatia. The only exceptions will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the UN sanctions committee, a provision intended to help Macedonia which is blockaded from one side by Greece. The resolution also calls on neighbouring states to reduce the number of land crossings into Yugoslavia.

The package also mandates stricter controls on the Danube, which will probably require international monitors to accompany every group of barges passing along the river to supply Hungary and Austria's industries. It will also permit Western navies to intercept shipping inside Yugoslavia's territorial waters in the Adriatic to prevent sanctions-busters creeping up the coast within the 12-mile limit. There is also a draconian provision that all Yugoslav trains, planes, ships and lorries abroad must be impounded and any vehicle trying to cross Yugoslav frontiers must be detained for investigation.

Black marketeers call the shots in frontier town

***Michael Binyon**, travelling through Russia, finds the mafia profiting as people struggle to shrug off the past*
*Fifth stop: **SAMARA***

REFERENDUM RUSSIA

SAMARA is bandit country. "Lock your doors at night," the hotel staff whispered. "The whole place has been taken over by the mafia."

They lurk in leather jackets around the dirty railway station and at the ramshackle airport, smoking, dealing, eyeing passengers: men from the Caucasus or Central Asia with stubbled faces, gold teeth and darting eyes. Samara is only two hours from the Lada factory at Togliatti, which acts as a magnet to all criminals.

In January, 16 people were killed in a fight between gangs fighting for control of black market territory. Even in tsarist times the city, a gateway to the Urals and Siberia, was notorious for its brigands. It was a frontier town, founded to protect the Russians against the Muslim Tatars and the Bashkirs, and retains an atmosphere of menace.

Samara has just recovered its original name. For two generations it was known as Kuibyshev, after one of the early Bolshevik revolutionaries. The city's misfortune was that during the war huge arms factories were transferred here. These enterprises now make Tu154 planes, space shuttle parts and other avionics. As a result, the town has been closed to foreigners since the war. Far from foreign eyes, Kuibyshev slumped into disorder and disrepair, as the population grew to one and a half million.

Lifting the ban on foreign contacts has helped the city. After years of decline and emigration, the Jewish community, now 12,000-strong, has begun to reassert itself. Israeli agronomists are among the most active foreign investors in Samara. Other outside investment is also trickling in: an American dairy firm is improving milk production and Germans have boosted potato yields by up to three times.

But the city where Lenin practised as a lawyer from 1892-3 remains mired in the collapse of the system he founded. "There has been no reform at all. It simply isn't working," said Aleksandr Sokolov, the radical editor of the main independent newspaper in Samara.

A former deputy in the Supreme Soviet, he is now critical of the man he helped to bring to power. "The mechanism has not changed at all. There is no market — only speculators. The West does not understand what is happening here."

His paper has been spurred on by Nikolai Chukanov, one of the economists who was advising the Russian government on reform plans and has now dismissed all attempts to introduce a market system because he sees them as doomed. The paper has appealed to everyone outside Moscow who believes in reform to join a national movement for genuine change and opposition to the "neo-communists" who are against the reforms.

Few people in Samara seem to care what he will advise. Most expressed apathy about the referendum on Sunday. Their main concern was to try to get their town moving, to protect their jobs and to make enough money to keep inflation at bay. The mafia will be all right: the lucrative black market is assured.

☐ **Moscow:** Communists are plotting the "physical removal" of President Yeltsin, according to a report of secret meetings of the Communist party leaked to *Verchernaya Moskva*. The newspaper claims that a "terrorist and assault detachment" has been set up inside the party.



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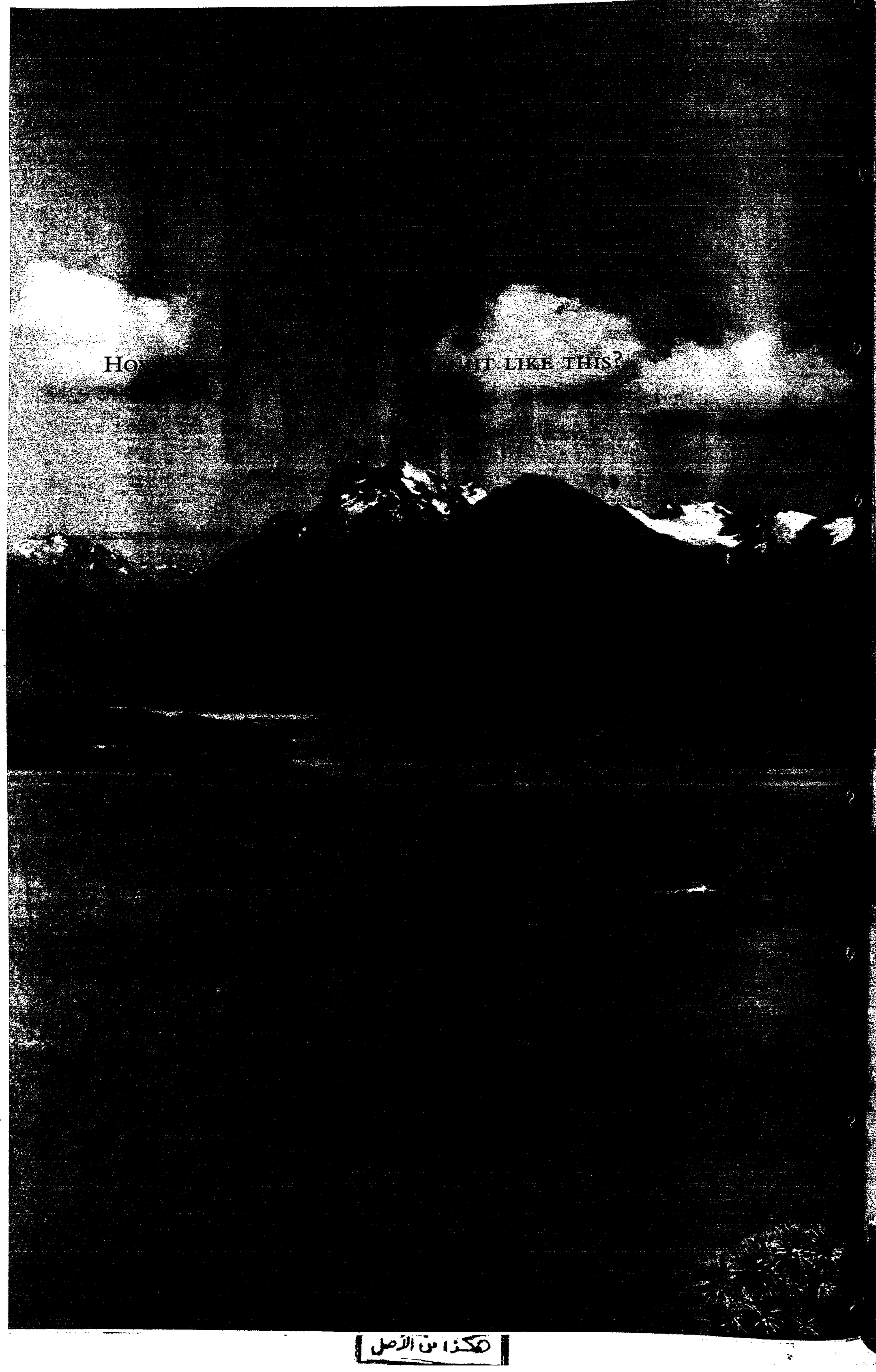
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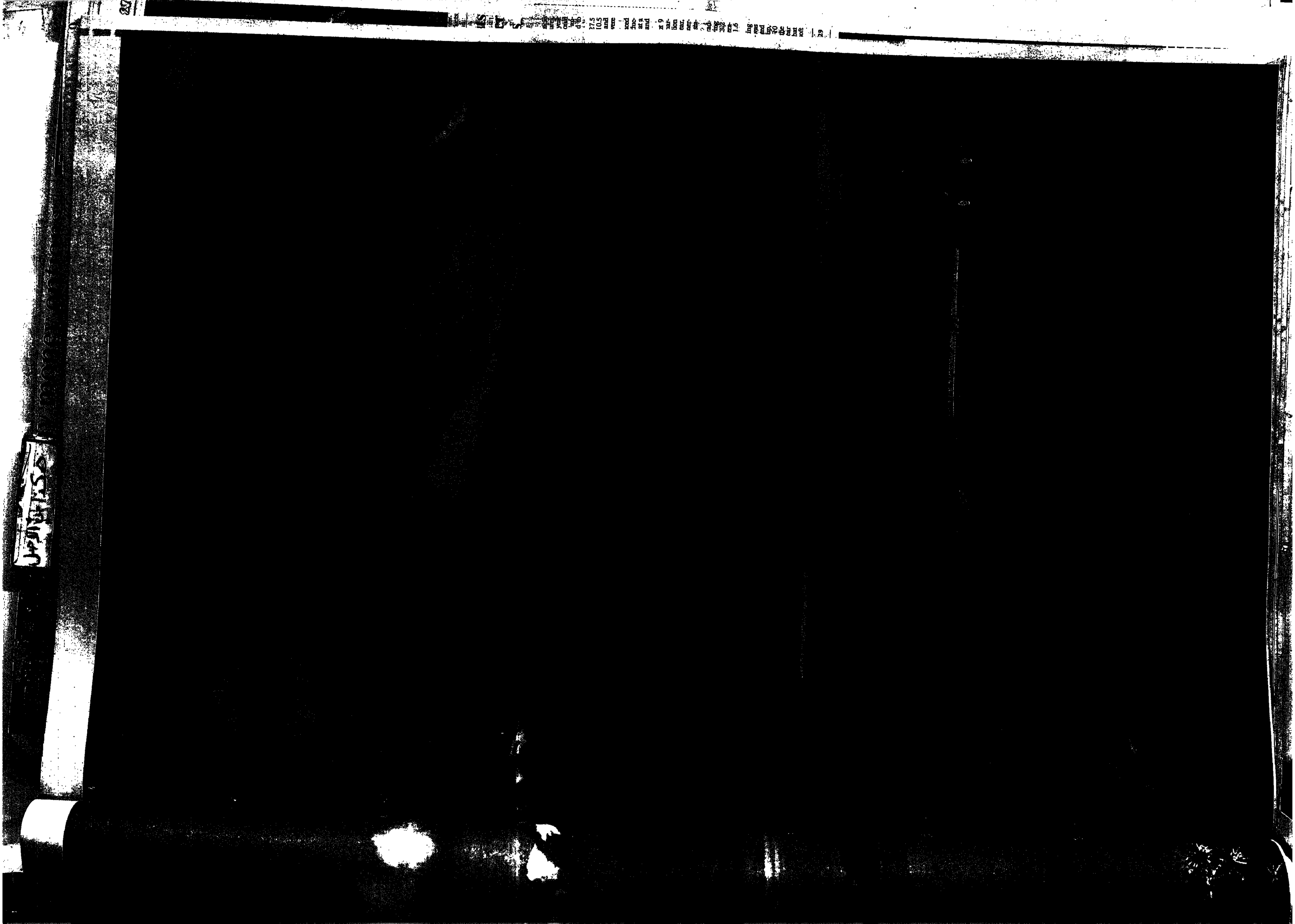
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Why the FBI besiegers tired of broken vows

FROM JAIME ARON OF ASSOCIATED PRESS AND BEN MACINTYRE IN WACO, TEXAS

TO THOSE outside the heavily armed Branch Davidian cult's compound near Waco, Texas, there was a strange feeling about the 51st morning of the siege by federal agents.

The routine that law enforcement agents had fallen into suddenly changed. Instead of fleets of vehicles coming and going for their 5am shift change, there was only an incoming trickle of Texas Department of Public Safety vehicles. And they did not stop as usual to chat at the checkpoint.

A few minutes before six o'clock, a trooper warned

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members of the media camped about two miles from the compound to "take cover", adding: "It's coming down."

Within minutes, flashes of light came from a section of the sprawling rural fortress and armoured vehicles could be seen converging on the building containing David Koresh, the cult's leader, and 95 followers, including up to 26 Britons. Then a school bus and an ambulance went into the compound.

Officials of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have always said that the siege began with a phone call tipping off David Koresh, the cult leader, that the bureau was about to stage a big raid. That call, the bureau says, cost its agents, who were seeking to arrest Mr Koresh and search for illegal weapons, the element of surprise. It may also have caused the death of four of the agents and six members of the cult.

Early yesterday, Mr Koresh received another critically important phone call — this time from the FBI — warning him that the authorities were going to force him out if he did not surrender. But whoever answered the call hung up.

Moments later an armoured vehicle smashed into the front wall of the compound, beginning a steady ramming of the fortress that would last most of the morning on and off. Cult members hung out a banner saying their phone was dead, but the assault continued.

Mr Koresh had said he would surrender after completing a religious manuscript deciphering the Bible's seven seals, which hint at an end to the world. On Saturday, however, the FBI announced that it had grown tired of his broken promises.

The siege began, also at dawn, on a misty morning last February when about 200 armed agents approached the compound. Seconds after some of them hammered on the door, gunfire hailed down on them from at least 50 positions within the heavily fortified building.

The force of the barrage, from high-powered assault weapons and at least one 50mm rifle — used for stopping tanks and bringing down aircraft — took the agents by surprise. What should have been a fairly routine arrest suddenly became the most disastrous episode in the history of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The agents initially returned fire, and one team tried to enter the building by an upper-storey window but was driven back by heavy fire.

There then began one of the strangest sieges in US history, far longer than that other great Texas siege on the Alamo. Mr Koresh and his followers had been preparing for such an assault for rather longer than the federal agents. They had been stockpiling weapons, ammunition, food and even gas-masks and bulletproof clothing.

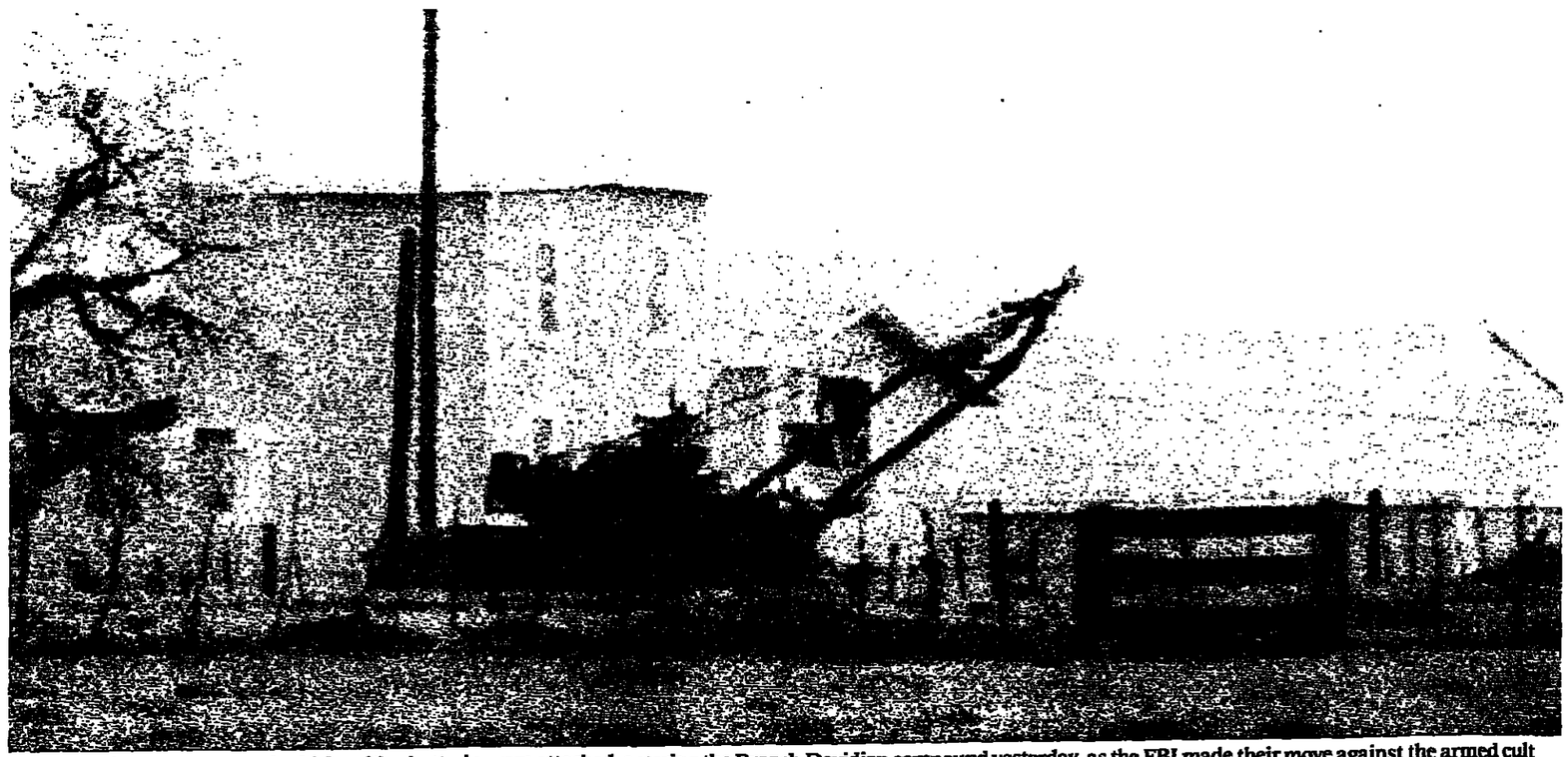
Mr Koresh has been described as a charismatic and highly unstable character. His creed was a bizarre combination of apocalyptic Christianity, violence and sexual manipulation, of which he was the focus and self-proclaimed "messiah". An investigation by a local newspaper, just before the assault, revealed a community in thrall to the personality of this one man, who insisted that only his own offspring would participate in the heavenly era he would usher in. As a result he claimed many of the female cult members as his wives to spread what he called the "righteous seed".

An FBI hostage team was flown in, and telephone negotiations initially appeared positive after several of the children in the compound were released. It soon emerged, however, that Mr Koresh had his own plans: namely to spread his peculiar and verbose views and to garner as much publicity for himself as possible.

With armoured personnel carriers and combat tanks encircling his compound, he announced that he would surrender if the FBI would transport one of his sermons to the outside world. The agency did so, only to find that the cult leader had no intention of honouring his pledge.

It was the first of his many broken promises.

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Driving force: an armoured vehicle, with a battering ram attached, entering the Branch Davidian compound yesterday, as the FBI made their move against the armed cult

Poison chalice of a false messiah

BY KATE ALDERSON

IN November 1978, the Rev Jim Jones commanded his followers to lie down and die, with the result that 900 men, women and children committed mass suicide in Guyana. Their deaths became known as the Jonestown massacre.

Weeks passed before soldiers from the US Graves Registration Department, working day and night, could establish how many, and who, had died in the mass suicide pact at the People's Temple in South America.

At first they believed that 400 cult members had died,

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but during the following weeks the death toll rose to more than 900. Jones, who was discovered dead on the steps of the temple pavilion, a bullet hole in the side of his head, had persuauded his "citizens" to commit "revolutionary suicide" by taking a lethal potion of cyanide, sleeping drugs and tranquillisers mixed in an orange drink.

When members of the American air force entered the pavilion, they were confronted with ranks of Jones's followers lying dead. Among them were 80 children who had been given the poison first.

Loudspeakers which were used to broadcast their leader's messages around the camp had sounded "Mother, mother", the signal for his followers to take the poison and prepare to die. It was the final act he had forced them to rehearse for many months.

Many cult members were heavily armed and some of the dead were found with bullets in their bodies, having being shot while suffering from the agony of the poison.

Those who followed Jones in America told of the beatings, viciousness and cruelty which came to characterise his leadership.

Thousands handed over life savings to Jones, signing away property and land. Jones preached that smoking, drinking and marital sex were evil and ordered public beatings for rule-breakers.

It was not until 1977 that the affairs of Jones came under public scrutiny, when allegations of ritual beatings and humiliation were taken seriously by the media. The number of defections in California began to grow and Jones then knew it was time to move on.

Jones had set himself up as a messiah, originally establishing his cult in California, where 100 of his followers settled after selling their homes. Membership grew fast, as did the cult's income. Jones eventually moved the entire cult, and hundreds more followers, to Guyana earlier in 1978. The 6,000-mile journey was not far enough.



Braced for action: a policeman manning a checkpoint at Waco as the end of the 51-day siege drew near

Lonely egotist who developed a grim obsession with martyrdom

BY BEN MACINTYRE

DAVID KORESH: CULT LEADER

DAVID Koresh, the leader of the Branch Davidian cult, who yesterday fulfilled his prophesy and apparently perished in flames with many of his followers, began life as Vernon Howell — a lonely, anti-social child with deep religious convictions and an uncanny knack for memorising large sections of the scriptures.

Vernon Howell, a poor, illegitimate and unexceptional child from rural east Texas, desperately wanted to be different. Eventually that would lead him to establish a personality cult with all the hallmarks of his own disturbed character — religious fanaticism, egomania and a taste for sexual manipulation.

The cult he eventually led to the fields of central Texas bears many similarities to that of the Rev Jim Jones, the religious cult leader who persuaded hundreds of his followers to commit mass suicide in the forests of Guayana in November 1978. Like Jones, Vernon Howell never showed any doubts in his own convictions, and like Jones his own martyrdom became a grim obsession.

Since the siege at Mount Carmel began, a grim picture of the effects of the cult of personality has emerged. From being a sad young man, Mr Koresh developed into a megalomaniac bully, who forged his followers into what he calls "God's Marines", a highly-trained army of fanatics dedicated to him alone.

Mr Koresh's mother, Bonnie Haldeman, has described her son as a fervently Christian child who would spent hours praying alone. "I've seen him sitting by his bed, on his knees for hours, crying and praying," she said recently. His mother recalled that when older members of their local Seventh Day Adventist Church refused to allow him to participate in services, he became bitter. "It was mostly the coldness of the church he was in that affected him," she said.

After dropping out of high school, an unpopular student with poor marks, Vernon Howell first tried to make his mark as a rock singer, touring Texas bars and nightclubs with a dog and singing songs with a religious themes.

The cold shoulder of an established church apparently persuaded Vernon Howell, who changed his name to David Koresh two years ago, to establish his own cult.

In the 1980s, after a bitter and sometime violent battle for leadership, he became leader of the Branch Davidian sect, an offshoot of the Seventh Day Adventists (now disavowed by that church) and gradually he extended his psychological hold over the members while recruiting others from around the world.

David Koresh now believed that he would father a new House of David in Texas; he claimed conjugal rights to his followers' wives while insisting that they would have to wait to get to heaven to find their own partners. Claiming that he himself had been abused as a child, according to some reports he also molested the youngest members of the group.

Convinced that he was able to open the Biblical Seventh Seal, to usher in the final judgment and the catastrophic events that would destroy mankind, Mr Koresh became increasingly violent and egotistical. Some of his followers recall the alteration in his character as his self-obsession increased: "He totally changed" said Robyn Bunds, a former cult follower and the mother of one of his many children, "He was really nice. He was humble. He was very well-mannered ... He's become this obnoxious, foul-mouthed, pushy person."

Stockpiling weapons and organising paramilitary manoeuvres in the fields around the Mount Carmel compound, Mr Koresh had schooled his followers to expect death in a shoot-out with authorities. Perhaps the most signficant part of Mr Koresh's charismatic personality was his preaching style, alternately threatening and persuasive and highly potent. Even those who fled the cult remember to his mesmeric oratory.

But during negotiations with the group, the FBI said that Mr Koresh had made no mention of the possibility of mass suicide and despite his threatening rhetoric, the cult leader himself had always insisted that when death came it would be at the hands of others.

The compound that went up in flames last night had several buildings, most new or rebuilt, that were connected by tunnels, reinforced by concrete and guarded by a look-out tower.

The compound, painted a light peach colour, was L-shaped with a long dormitory building and a gymnasium that had also been used for storage. A four-storey tower rose from the middle, and there were observation areas on two corners.

An underground bunker is believed to have been built beneath one end of the complex.

"They have underground passages there," Ted Royster, a special agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said while the siege was in progress. "The group had the compound very heavily fortified."

Men's sleeping quarters were on the ground floor of the dormitory wing, with women's quarters upstairs. Mr Koresh's quarters were on the second floor of a section connecting the dormitory wing and the gymnasium.

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Sharif takes fight to the people

FROM JANE MACARTNEY IN ISLAMABAD

NAWAZ Sharif, Pakistan's sacked prime minister, asked the High Court yesterday to block dissolution of the National Assembly and vowed to take his battle on to the streets. Meanwhile, President Ishaq Khan asked Balkh Sher Mazari, the caretaker prime minister, to ensure elections called for July 14 are fair.

"We will fight this out in every nook and cranny of the country," Mr Sharif told several thousand cheering supporters a day after the president dismissed him for alleged nepotism, subversion and terrorising his opponents. "If I have committed a crime let them challenge me in court," he said in an interview. He moved out of the plush prime minister's house overlooking Islamabad yesterday.

The High Court in Rawalpindi accepted a petition from Gohar Ayub Khan, the former National Assembly Speaker, challenging the president's order dissolving the lower house and calling a general election. A hearing is set for today. "We think the prospects are very bright," Mr Ayub Khan said. In his petition, he said the president's decision "steps out of all the parameters set forth for the dissolution of the National Assembly".

"We will win the election," Mr Sharif said. "We have the support of the whole nation ... the whole nation will rise up." He said he would launch street protests in Punjab, his home province, tomorrow.

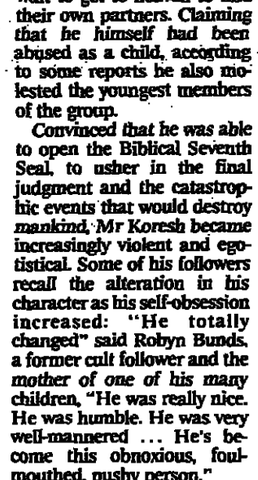
He attacked Benazir Bhutto, the opposition leader and former prime minister, whose last-minute declaration of support for the president on Sunday gave her one-time foe the political clout to dump his former protégé. "Benazir Bhutto was the champion of democracy, and when the time came here to champion democracy she was away in London," Mr Sharif said. Miss Bhutto returned to Islamabad on Sunday after six weeks in London to give birth to her third child.

Mr Sharif enraged the president when he tried in February to modify legislation from the martial law era that empowers the president to dissolve the National Assembly and appoint armed forces chiefs of staff. Miss Bhutto decided then not to offer Mr Sharif her 42 votes in the 217-member National Assembly to back his modification, thus sealing his political death warrant. Her reward was the installation of Farooq Leghari, her deputy, as one of two new ministers and the promise of at least ten ministries in the three-month interim government in the run-up to the elections.

"We decided that at a time of crisis the way to resolve it is to go to the people," Miss Bhutto said. "That is why we decided to support the cause of fresh elections."

In a 90-minute meeting, the president told Mr Mazari, a veteran politician and landlord from Punjab, to take immediate steps to "restore the people's confidence in the country's administration", a government statement said. "The president pointed out that the first and foremost task before the caretaker government was to make foolproof arrangements for holding free, fair and impartial general elections," it said. "The prime minister assured the president that the best of his own and his cabinet's attention and energies would be devoted to matters concerning the holding of elections and the improvement of general administration." Opposition parties had been demanding fresh elections saying the 1990 elections, won by Mr Sharif's Islamic Democratic Alliance, were widely rigged.

In Lahore, Mr Sharif's home town, about 1,500 supporters marched through the streets, chanting: "Remove the president". "Long live democracy" and "Down with dictatorship". The protesters burned tyres to block a portion of the city centre before dispersing peacefully.



Sharif: claims he has support of the nation

Mr Sharif's ambitious economic reform programme is likely to be shattered by his dismissal, economists and businessmen said yesterday. The stock market plunged 36.98 points, one of the biggest falls in its history, to close at a record low of 1069.79. *(Reuter)*

Bulgarian killed in Cambodia

FROM REUTER IN PHNOM PENH

A BULGARIAN soldier serving with United Nations peacekeeping forces in Cambodia was killed and two were injured yesterday when a grenade hit their vehicle as they rushed to relieve a village under Khmer Rouge attack.

He was the ninth peacekeeper, four of them Bulgarian, to be killed in Cambodia in the past three weeks. The Bulgarians' armoured personnel carrier was hit by an anti-tank grenade when it entered the village of New Oral in Kompong Spoe province 20 miles from Phnom Penh, a spokesman for the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac) told reporters.

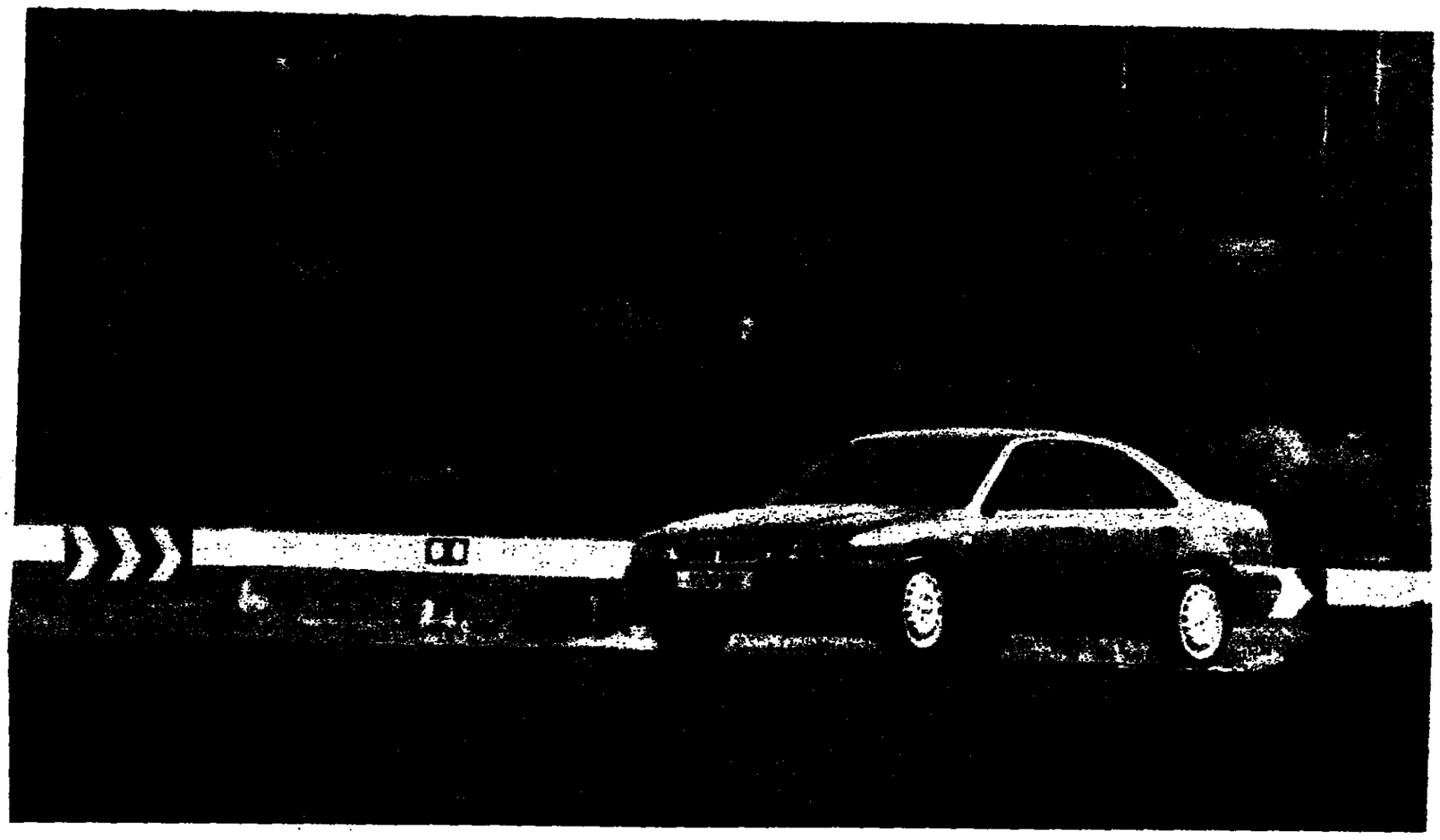
Khmer Rouge guerrillas attacked the village in Samrong Tong district for two hours on Monday morning with mortars, automatic weapons and B-40 rockets, Eric Falt, a UN spokesman said.

He said the Khmer Rouge was apparently trying to attack government forces in the village. Because the village houses a UN district headquarters, two armoured personnel carriers were sent to relieve it.

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Should we use force in Bosnia?



Lord Healey *Defence secretary 1964-70:*
"I am against military intervention. I have held this view from the start. I feel every bit as strongly as I ever did that air strikes would be a grave error. Innocent civilians would almost certainly be hit. We should beware the temptation to oversimplify the conflict and paint the Bosnian Serbs as the only aggressors. The UN should put peacekeeping troops into Kosovo, the predominantly Albanian enclave in southern Serbia, and Macedonia. Should fighting break out there, other Balkan nations will be drawn into a much more serious conflict."



The Right Rev Tom Butler *Bishop of Leicester:*
"Recent events have not led me to any conclusion, but they have focused my mind. The traditional ingredients for Christian participation in a just war is to make sure that the just side wins. The choice is stark: have the West the commitment to sufficient force to make the Serbs come to a just agreement? If they haven't got that commitment then it may be better to admit that, so the Bosnian Muslims can decide whether to surrender or not. What is distressing is that the West is sending signs that there will be support, but in the end it may be inadequate."



Baroness Warnock *Mistress of Girton College 1985-91:*
"The pictures I have seen over the last few days have made me feel terrible, but they still don't make me see what the proper solution is. We may be forced to do something we would not have chosen to do, but I would rather we worked under the auspices of the UN. There is no point adopting a heroic attitude: if we do go in it will be as a grinding necessity and will be very painful. I don't put much faith in sanctions. I can't think of a single occasion when they have been effective. If I were John Major I would carry on to the last possible minute."



Norman Stone *Professor of Modern History at Oxford:*
"I think at a certain point one has to say that the moral considerations have to take account of realities on the ground. I don't actually agree about this in Bosnia, because if we look at the Gulf war, surely the mistake was to stop at Baghdad . . . We have seen other very effective wars being fought with extraordinarily limited casualties . . . There was a very revealing episode a couple of months ago when some Serbian planes fired at some of their own artillery in the hills around Sarajevo by mistake. The Serbs ran away, thinking they were being attacked by the Americans."



Major General Julian Thompson *Commander Falklands war:*
"We have now got to the stage where we must stay out because it is too late. We should have gone in right at the beginning when there was fighting in Slovenia and Croatia. In Bosnia I have always been of the non-interventionist school, unless we do it properly — which means a very, very large force indeed. Air strikes will not achieve anything. They will merely cause damage and kill quite a lot of innocent people. Arming the Muslims is perhaps the only way which has credibility, but there are practical difficulties."



Roger Scruton *Conservative philosopher:*
"It is certainly wrong to impose an arms embargo on the Muslims which prevents them from defending themselves. Everyone knows the embargo is being broken all the time to the Serbs by Greece and Russia. I don't necessarily think we should enter the conflict. There are two ways this can develop: one is one side winning and one is by achieving a balance by which the two sides can hold each other at bay. I'm for the second option, so they can offer a credible threat to each other. Things might never have got to this pass if we had armed them earlier."



Clare Short *Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood:*
"Recent events have only deepened my sense of anger that we did not intervene earlier. From the very beginning I have called for action, from the disastrous recognition of Croatia, and the shelling of Sarajevo six months ago. People were saying we don't want a ground war and now it seems there is no alternative but to intervene. The failure of the UN is very destructive to our own self-interest. We do not want to see British soldiers risking their lives, but if we will not put our troops into risky situations, we might as well not have any."



Lord Hailsham *Former Lord Chancellor:*
"I would counsel against listening to those with loud mouths and no military experience. Before I would consider intervention against the Bosnian Serbs a series of key questions would need answering: what are we trying to do; what troops are available; how would they get there; what would constitute success; and how would we get out. I agree with Lord Healey on this. We were both serving soldiers and know that war is licensed butchery. There are grave dangers in supporting those who believe that the war can be ended once the US cavalry appears."



Bishop Crispian Hollis *Bishop of Portsmouth:*
"I have just returned from Croatia and my experiences there have certainly changed my views. Before then I saw the conflict as a civil war, which we should not get involved in: now I realise it's a war of aggression by Serbia to expand its territories. Now I believe there should be selective military action and very severe sanctions, and the sooner the better, it's absurd that we are being held up by the Russian referendum."



Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin *Chief of Defence Staff 1979-82:*
"I take the military view. We have got nothing to gain and everything to lose by intervening. I can understand Lady Thatcher's feelings but she no longer has access to intelligence; she is speaking without professional advice. It is crazy to arm the Muslims. If we announce an intention of doing so the Serbs will immediately step up their action and the ghastliness will be raised by ten more notches. This is an entirely political matter, which can't be solved by military means. The politicians should get on with solving it."



Mgr Bruce Kent *Former chair of CND:*
"What has surprised me recently is the number of people advocating intervention in Bosnia who opposed it during the Gulf war. I don't understand why this is the place we have to invade when there are conflicts all over the world. I don't believe in a military solution, but in a political one. I don't think the Owen-Vance plan is the answer, as it is unacceptable to the Croats and the Serbs. We need to listen to some voices from Serbia. Partition is a reasonable answer; it has worked in Cyprus and India."



Julia Neuberger, *rabbi and human rights campaigner:*
"Recent events have not changed my views, but they have made them firmer, as we stand idly by and watch the government saying we mustn't intervene. How much worse can it become? What I would like to see is some kind of international force sent in, preferably including the Russians. I think we can't stand by any longer. I'm not wholly happy about arming the Muslims, but I think we will have to do that too. If we don't we will see ethnic cleansing of the kind that is wiping out the Muslims on a widespread scale. It's a moral imperative."



Lord Chalfont *Foreign Office minister 1964-70*
"I am against intervention. My views have remained unchanged since the beginning of the Bosnian civil war. There should be no further military intervention in Bosnia. We got into this because there was no strategic conception of what such action might involve. No more ground forces should be committed, and there should be no air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs either. Since the end of the Cold War the UN has been going beyond the terms of its remit. It could be strongly argued that it has been interfering in the affairs of sovereign nations."



General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley *Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces in Northern Europe 1979-82:*
"We should have made an armed intervention a year ago, between the Croats and the Bosnian Serbs, and the case is even stronger now. We should intervene on moral grounds. There is a self interest for Europe here: we seem blind to the fact that there is rising exasperation in the Muslim world that the Christian community only throws up its hands at this oppression of Muslim people, and this will rebound to our disadvantage. People will be killed, but that argument can be applied to every situation."



Sir Anthony Parsons *Britain's UN representative 1979-1982:*
"I have favoured confronting the Bosnian Serbs within the context of the UN from the outset of the civil war. Such action should be aimed at severing supply lines with Serbia itself. The UN fell between two stools at the outset of the civil war. Sanctions have failed to bite and the Bosnian Serbs have realised that the prospect of meaningful military intervention is beyond the initial remit of the peacekeepers. Should the UN continue on the present road there is the risk of a real loss of authority."



Liz Lynne *Liberal Democrat MP for Rochdale:*
"My views have been confirmed rather than affected by recent events. I have been calling for further action for months. I could see that what was happening was similar to the Holocaust. I'm very grateful now that it seems something will be done, but I don't think it will be enough. All the same I am glad that the government and the Opposition realise that there is a tremendous problem there. I would like to see UN troops protecting the Bosnian Muslims with air strikes."

Interviews by Bill Frost and Julia Llewellyn Smith

In Washington, a new government braces itself to make war in the Balkans

A growing taste for the battlefield

William Safire, the acerbic *New York Times* columnist, always entertains. Consider yesterday's offering, in which he suggested three reasons for President Clinton's refusal to respond forcefully to "the sustained slaughter in Bosnia and the mocking gratitude of the Serbian war criminals".

The first, he said, was the poor company the president keeps. "George Bush had the benefit of Margaret Thatcher's rent-a-spine agency; Bill Clinton is afflicted with the umbrella diplomacy of Mr Wobbly himself. Britain's John Major, who is taking the 'special' out of the 'special relationship'.

"Next, he is a prisoner of the polls (who wants to die for Danzig or Sarajevo?) . . . Finally he is the captive of his post-Vietnam multilateral rhetoric, so taken with fear of 'going it alone' that he is incapable of going first and pushing and shaming others into going along." The result, said Mr Safire, was that "we have meaningless sanctions, useless no-fly zones, publicity-stunt airdrops and UN relief convoys turned back while the Serbs go about talking while killing".

On the same page was a column by Anthony Lewis, as liberal as Mr Safire is conservative. "Fifty years after the Nazis", it began, "will a European state led by a murderous demogogue be allowed to slaughter and expel another people because of their religion? . . . Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia calculated from the beginning that the Europeans and Americans would wring their hands, say tut-tut and do nothing. So far he has been exactly right."

Add the centrist Leslie Gelb, who evidently took Sunday off, and you have the troika of *New York Times* columnists who have been banging away for months about the need to "do something" in Bosnia. Their shrieks of indignation have amused, titillated and occasionally irritated, but little more. Now their views are rapidly becoming orthodox.

Lady Thatcher's moral outrage on America's three big breakfast television shows last Wednesday undoubtedly pricked the conscience of a nation that has traditionally considered protection of the weak its duty. Suddenly there is a clamour for action in Washington.

"It's a sham. All we're doing is standing by while the Serbs mop up Bosnia and divide it into 11 little pieces and slaughter all the women and children," Bob Dole, the Senate's Republican minority leader, declared on Sunday. He called for arming Bosnia's Muslims and bombing the Serbs to end a "pretty dark chapter in American history".

George Mitchell, the Senate's Democratic majority leader, echoed Mr Dole's call for arming the Bosnians and bombing the Serbs. Joseph Biden, a leading Democratic member of the Senate foreign relations committee just back from Bosnia, was recommending those measures at a meeting with Mr Clinton yesterday. Susan Molinari, Bill Paxon and Peter King, three Republican congressmen who have also been in Bosnia, demanded the same steps in a letter to Mr Clinton that declared: "Our nation must bring the world community to immediate action. We must end the all-too-numerous platitudes and act."

The administration itself has been in a terrible dither. It ruled out force one moment and ruled it in the next, postponed then accelerated a UN vote on tighter sanctions. It has been constrained on the one hand by Boris Yeltsin's weakness. British and French caution and US military squeamishness; on the other by a sense of moral imperative and a desire to fulfil Mr Clinton's campaign rhetoric.

Until now those pressures were finely balanced. No longer. The columnists and congressmen appear to be merely reinforcing a new presidential resolve. Srebrenica's *de facto* surrender has highlighted Western impotence and damaged the Vance-Owen peace plan which Mr Lewis had labelled the West's last remaining "fig-leaf". Mr Clinton declared himself "outraged" at the Serbs' refusal to sign it. He called on the allies to consider actions to halt the Serbs that "previously have been unacceptable". He held what the White House diplomatically described as a "frank" conversation with John Major on Sunday, and was yesterday preparing to call President Mitterrand.

Afflicted by a sense of shame, there is a growing tendency in Washington to blame Britain and France for the West's impotence. "Our European allies don't want to do anything and, therefore, it's a very difficult dilemma," said Mr Mitchell on Sunday.

It may be too late for eastern Bosnia, but Sarajevo is not yet lost. The talk in Washington is of the relative merits of bombing Serbian supply routes, artillery positions or power stations. If the arms embargo is lifted, the Senate has already approved military help to Bosnia's Muslims.

There is another event taking place in Washington this week that seems likely to weaken still further the voices of those who counsel caution. It is the opening amid enormous fanfare of the US Holocaust Museum, which charts in devastating detail not only the inexorable building of German anti-semitism to the "final solution", but America's relative indifference.

As he enters, Mr Clinton will see the words of America's last Democratic president, Jimmy Carter, during whose term the museum was commissioned: "Out of our memory . . . of the holocaust we must forge an unshakeable oath with all civilised people that never again will the world stand silent, never again will the world fail to act in time to prevent this crime of genocide."

MARTIN FLETCHER

In Paris, a new government makes its excuses

Leaders lose the appetite for action

Edouard Balladur and Jacques Chirac think bombing is probably the best way of stopping the Serbian onslaught in Bosnia. At least, that was what they were saying until about a month ago, when President Mitterrand's socialists were still running France and before M Chirac's Gaullist party won the elections and M Balladur became prime minister. Now they take the more pallid path of diplomacy which they found so reprehensible when practised by their predecessors.

On Sunday, an uncomfortable-looking M Balladur could be found on television warning the Serbs that "we cannot accept that Sarajevo should be threatened even the tiniest bit" and that "we must absolutely obtain a halt in the fighting" while at the same time "doing everything to ensure that our soldiers are not put in impossible situations". A reminder of his past views on force produced an embarrassed silence.

The weekend's new embargo and the UN-managed surrender of Srebrenica were greeted with weary sorrow by both pro-government and opposition commentators and also by back-bench parliamentarians from the governing parties. "Total Serbian victory once again", said the centre-left *Liberation* in a sarcastic commentary on the ceasefire deal. The Serbians were now aware that "the next time round people might get really angry", it said.

The pro-Gaullist *Figaro* called the latest events "too little too late". The only hope, it suggested, was to wait for President Clinton to put his hints of force into action. "In the meantime, the dead belong to the dead, the wounded, the orphans and the raped women belong to our pity and Greater Serbia belongs to the Serbs." In a blistering editorial yesterday, *Le Monde* said the Serbs had "once again dictated their law and obtained what they wanted", while the West contented itself with admonishments. One of the most "terrifying" images of the weekend, it said, was that of General Philippe Morillon, the French UN commander, sitting at a well-stocked table celebrating Orthodox Easter with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader.

In a comparison which was widespread this week, *Le Journal du Dimanche* compared the plight of Srebrenica with that of the Warsaw ghetto, where the uprising took place



Kouchner: comparison with the Warsaw ghetto

50 years ago this week. Bernard Kouchner, the former humanitarian action minister, also drew the Warsaw comparison, but he said the UN's timid actions were at least a start on a long road to preventing war.

The new government is making much of the fact that French warplanes are policing the skies over Bosnia and that France convened the weekend session of the UN Security Council. Pressing for the new sanctions, Alain Juppé, the foreign minister, denounced Serbian "barbarism and inhumanity" in Bosnia and proclaimed: "That's enough!". He noted that "the world community has been cowardly" towards Serbian actions in Bosnia and that Serbia was taking the United Nations for fools. However M Juppé and the prime minister are now in virtual harmony with President Mitterrand over the unacceptable drawbacks to the use of arms to halt Serbian actions.

The gulf between public emotion and political reality has left an especially bitter taste in France because of the Gaullists' failure to live up to their talk and the erosion of hopes that M Mitterrand's personal diplomacy, which began with his lightning trip to Sarajevo last June, would achieve something. For months last year it seemed the humanitarian drive led by Dr Kouchner, and embodied in the 5,000-strong French contingent in former Yugoslavia, proved that France was not impotent and indifferent to the suffering. By Christmas, however, disillusion had set in and the media, opposition and public opinion moved in favour of undefined force.

For the public and members of the Paris intellectual classes alike the cynicism of realpolitik has been symbolised by the row over General Morillon. One of the first acts of the new government was to confirm rumours that he was about to be recalled. His superiors were said to have been angered by his growing celebrity. On Sunday, M Balladur reversed course, saying his withdrawal was "not on the agenda".

The most powerful voice calling France to its conscience has been that of Jean-François Deniau, the senior parliamentarian. He said: "Europe is in the process of totally losing its soul in Yugoslavia . . . We are watching before our eyes in 1993 something which no-one could have believed possible since the middle ages — cities under siege, bombarded, starved until the population surrenders. And all of it in the application of a theory which we thought had been condemned forever."

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Women in the shadow of death

A new cancer screening offers hope to thousands, says **Aileen Ballantyne**

Anne Thompson believes she has just cheated death. As a result of a new experimental screening test for ovarian cancer she discovered she had the disease at the earliest possible stage, while it can still successfully be treated.

She is one of the 5,000 women who develop ovarian cancer every year in the United Kingdom. For most of them, the knowledge that they have the disease comes too late. Within five years of diagnosis two thirds of them are dead.

Nearly 18 months ago Mrs Thompson's mother, Maria Connolly, died of ovarian cancer. Like most victims, she was in her fifties. But she had a particularly well informed doctor, who knew that relatives of ovarian cancer victims carry an increased risk. She suggested that both Anne and her sister volunteer for a research study at King's College Hospital, London, where doctors were looking for a method of detecting the disease early.

Mrs Thompson, 30, became one of 2,000 volunteers to take part in a £500,000, five-year study, financed by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. When the results of the ongoing study were announced in the *British Medical Journal* at the weekend, they showed that, in all, five women had their cancer picked up in the earliest stage by ultrasound screening. This enables doctors to detect potentially dangerous cysts which had until recently been invisible because the ovaries are located deep within the abdomen.

Mrs Thompson, a driving instructor, is angry that the screening is not available for all women who have a close relative with the disease. "I may well owe my life to the fact that my mother died," she says. "But it was only a matter of chance that I ended up being screened."

The early diagnosis forced Mrs Thompson to make the difficult choice between increasing her chances of survival and having a child. Almost a year ago, after scanning had picked up a suspicious cyst which proved to be cancerous, surgeons removed the affected ovary. She continued to travel from her home in Wrexham to London for regular screening. But a few months ago, Mrs Thompson and her husband decided that the anxiety and disruption was too great and opted for the removal of the second ovary and a hysterectomy to reduce the chances of the cancer recurring.

Mrs Thompson, who takes hormone replacement therapy to counter the effects of the early menopause brought on by the removal of both ovaries, returned to work within two months of surgery. She has no regrets about her decision. "I can get on with my life now. And it's a good life," she says. "There's no point in having a child if you don't live to see that child grow up."

The doctors who headed the King's study, Professor William Collins and Professor Stuart Campbell, believe their new findings show that women with a close relative with ovarian cancer should be offered an NHS ultrasound screening at least every two years. Such women account for up to one in six cases of all ovarian cancer in this country and have an overall lifetime risk of developing ovarian cancer of about one in 13, compared with the average woman's risk of about one in 66.

Taking part in a study such as the one at King's also has the advantage of highlighting the much smaller number of women, who, like Mrs Thompson, are at even higher risk because more than one close relative has developed ovarian cancer. Her mother's sister also recently died of the disease in her fifties. For such women there is little doubt that the benefits of regular screening far outweigh the risks. However, some doctors believe that for women with only one close relative with the disease the position is less clear. They argue that such women may have to undergo unnecessary abdominal surgery for the benign, harmless cysts that would also be picked up by screening.

The King's doctors reply with the argument that one cancer is picked up for every three investigative operations. In addition, Dr Collins, professor of reproductive biology at King's says that, in most cases, where non-cancerous cysts are picked up they would normally be removed in any case to prevent future complications.

In order to prove that this form of screening saves lives for all women, not only those with a close relative with the disease, doctors at King's and at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, are now recruiting 4,000 women aged 55 to 64 to take part in a trial funded by the Medical Research Council of women with no known risk factors. As in all such trials, half the women who volunteer will be screened using the new method while half will not, and the progress of both groups will be monitored.

The King's doctors believe that such a trial, in which half the women are not offered screening, would be unethical for higher risk women known to have one close relative with the disease.

Dr Campbell, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at King's, stresses that there is now strong circumstantial evidence that catching ovarian cancer while it is still within the outer layer of the ovary and has not "seeded" into the abdominal cavity gives a very high chance of successful treatment.

"If you remove it at an early stage the chances of a complete cure are very good indeed," he says. "We now have a screening technique which allows us to see the ovaries and see the cancer developing. It is very exciting."



BARRY GREENWOOD

Cheating death: Mrs Thompson says "it was only a matter of chance that I ended up being screened"

PUTTING THE FIGURES INTO PERSPECTIVE

ON a stark mathematical analysis, saving Mrs Thompson's life was extremely expensive: about £100,000, given that the entire programme cost £500,000 and five early cancers were detected. But that was not the only point of the research. Its ultimate aim was to come up with a screening tool which could be effectively used for all women. Early estimates suggest that, for each year of a woman's life saved by this form of ovarian cancer screening, the cost to the NHS would be £1,800.

This compares with cervical cancer at £2,300 and breast cancer at £900 per year of life saved. Cervical cancer kills about 1,900 women every year in Britain, while ovarian cancer kills nearly 4,500 and breast cancer kills more than 15,000.

Research suggests that women with no children or only one child are likely to be more at risk of ovarian cancer. In addition, women who have never taken the contraceptive pill, which prevents ovulation, are at higher risk. This is thought to be because when a woman ovulates every month, the release of the egg somehow causes progressive damage to the surface of the ovary. One study, whose results remain controversial, also suggests that women who have taken ovary stimulating drugs as part of infertility treatment may be at slightly higher risk.

Halcyon nights are here again

The banned sleeping pill could again be available on prescription after new evidence on its side-effects emerges



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

A committee appointed by Virginia Bottomley has been offered fresh evidence on the relative safety of the sleeping pill Halcion, it is reported in *Mims*, the medical journal. This is likely to result in the health secretary lifting the ban on the use of the drug in Britain, which will be only the second time that such action has been taken.

Two million prescriptions a year were written by British doctors for Halcion before its withdrawal in 1991. Halcion (the generic name is triazolam) was the world's best selling sleeping pill before there were scares, which now seem grossly exaggerated, about possible after-effects of taking it. Halcion is one of the benzodiazepines group of drugs (including Valium), which took the place of the barbiturates as the most commonly used preparations to treat anxiety and sleeplessness.

There is no argument that Halcion's short action — effective for less than six hours when given in standard dosage — resulted in a patient who was alert and free of the hangover effect the following day. An undimmed concentration and freedom from drowsiness the next day was invaluable to those who had to negotiate, drive or operate machinery for their living.

Halcion's opponents claimed that it, more than other benzodiazepines, tended to induce a paradoxical rebound increase in hostility and aggression the following day. The patients, its critics said, might be alert but they suffered from over-excitement, loss of memory and sleeplessness the next night. A loss of inhibition and the expression of opinions, which, from the patient's point of view would be better left unsaid, was the least of the anti-social actions which were laid at the door of Halcion. (It is rarely wise to let either your chairman or brother-in-law know your opinion of their characters, let alone strike them).

Other people, supported by their lawyers searching for a defence, claimed that Halcion had led them to attempt murder, and even commit murder and rape. In fact, these symptoms could be precipitated in any very tense and disturbed patient who is sufficiently sedated to reduce inhibition, but not sedated enough to be tranquil.

Much of the original research work done on the side-effects of Halcion was based on very small groups of patients. Some of the studies that have been much quoted by politicians and lawyers, and recycled in other medical journals, were based on a dozen or fewer cases — a negligible quantity when compared with the two million annual prescriptions in Britain, and a world market of more than £100m.

A recent study of medical records of 1,193 patients showed that 24 per cent of those who were prescribed Halcion had complained to their GPs of side-effects. In 1991, however, when the drug was withdrawn, 32 per cent of those who had been happy taking Halcion complained of side-effects from the substitutes. Other studies show that the rate of side-effects is very similar whatever benzodiazepine is used.

Upjohns, the manufacturers of Halcion, in their advice to doctors on its use, could not have been more specific. Halcion, like all the benzodiazepines, is useful for transient sleep disorders, but it should not be prescribed to treat long-term chronic insomniacs. Insomnia is such a common symptom in those who are mentally disturbed that it is not surprising that sleeping pills are often blamed for unwanted symptoms, whereas the fault truly lies in the patient's personality.

Benzodiazepines are not recommended for use in patients with a phobic, obsessional or addictive personality, or for those who have any obvious psychosis. If any drug is to have a pharmacological action there are some people, somewhere, who will develop side-effects, real or imaginary; this disadvantage had to be matched against the drug's usefulness for the thousands who might benefit.

The depressed patient who is sleepless, usually suffering from early-morning waking, will be made worse by sleeping pills and needs an anti-depressant. The agitated patient with schizophrenic tendencies who turns night into day needs a major tranquilliser, not a sleeping pill.

Sleeping pills should never be used for more than 10 to 12 days at a time, and preferably only taken occasionally for use by those who suffer from a transient cause of sleeplessness; for instance, while travelling or in a strange bed. Normally, insomniacs should rely on a good sleep routine, no late meals or late drinking, no coffee, and music as a lullaby, or, perhaps, the BBC World Service, which is interesting enough to block anxious thoughts, but not so exciting as to keep the patient awake.

Doctors are sick of night call-outs, says **James Le Fanu**

GPs out of patience

According to a survey published this month 99 per cent of family doctors are "unhappy with their lot" and suffering from "low morale". Articulating this discontent, Dr Ian Bogle, a public spokesman, was reported in the newspaper *General Practitioner*: "Very many GPs of my age are just counting the days to retirement, while the younger ones are wondering what on earth they have let themselves in for."

Leaving aside the obvious rejoinder — who, after all, is really happy with their lot? — this is, by any criterion an interesting statistic that requires some explanation. The essence of the doctors' disillusionment is aggravation underlined by two further recently released sets of statistics: the number of night calls has risen fivefold in the last 25 years while the number of complaints against GPs has risen by a third in the last five years alone.

As "failure to visit" is one of the commonest reasons for a complaint to be made, these two statistics are clearly related. Typically, a parent rings around midnight demanding his child with a temperature be visited. When the GP tactfully suggests that perhaps some Calpol might help, he is told: "My son needs antibiotics and if you don't come out, there will be hell to pay."

Manipulative patients have subtler ways of getting the doctor out of bed by evoking symptoms suggestive of some serious illness like meningitis: "His head hurts a lot, doc and he can't stand the light." By the time the doctor comes knocking on the door the child is sleeping soundly.

Clearly the delicate balance of power in the doctor-patient relationship has shifted, so that the public are much less hesitant about evoking their rights (which includes, uniquely in any health service in the world, the right to be visited free of charge by a doctor at any time), while appreciating that the threat of a complaint is often enough to get their way. Under this dual onslaught even a caring family doctor is likely to feel aggrieved. In response doctors now seem prepared to acknowledge much more openly that too many of their patients are stupid and unreasonable.

Last year, Roy Meadow, professor of paediatrics at the University of Leeds, surveyed 100 colleagues seeking to identify the characteristics of "difficult and unlikeable parents". The response was enthusiastic. Most resented were "combative and blaming" parents who, in reply to a friendly "Hello, what's the matter, how can I help you?" reply "You're the doctor — you tell us". No less popular were "Parents who made it clear they regard doctors as more likely to do harm than good."

Surgeons in particular complained of being pressurised to give priority: "One of the major problems is the parent who wishes the child to have the operation in such a way that no time is lost from school, and that plans for holidays, birthday parties, school trips or the Tuesday evening Brownie meeting should not be upset."

Other parents just do not listen: "They continue to ask lots of questions one after another, but never wait for an answer", or refuse to take advice and "are then unhappy with the results of treatment which was not followed".

It is rare to get through a general practice surgery without coming across two or three parents or adult patients with these sets of attitudes. Along with the relentless demands of "heart sink" patients, they presumably account for most of the rise in complaints and demands for night calls.

"Heart sink" patients — so called because their presence in the waiting room makes a doctor's heart sink — are a small minority to be found in every practice. Four types are readily recognisable: dependent clingers, "who continually require explanations, affection, analgesics, sedatives and all forms of attention imaginable"; entitled demanders, who get their way by "intimidation, devaluation and guilt induction"; manipulative help rejectors who "smuggly satisfied, return again and again to report that the latest treatment is not working"; and self-destructive deniers who "find their main pleasure in furiously defeating doctors' attempts to prolong their lives".

General practice does have its rewards. It may not be the most intellectually stimulating of pastimes but those who do it well can console themselves with the unique value of the services they provide. The very accessibility of family doctors and their vulnerability to unreasonable demands is proving to be an Achilles heel for the whole profession.

They do, however, have their own right which no doubt they will start exercising with increasing frequency — the right to remove patients from their list without giving an explanation. Perhaps it was a sign of the times that last week a Birmingham GP was reported to have used this sanction against 20 patients in the last two months.

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Operations must not upset the Tuesday Brownie meeting

Nurses on the dole

Three years' intensive training is getting them nowhere



TED BATH

Thin prospects: after all her training Sharon McVey will be lucky to find work doing sporadic locum shifts

Most little girls given a nurse's kit by some well-meaning, unpolitically-correct relative spend hours knocking their dolls over the head, smothering them in tomato ketchup and wrapping them up in bandages. By the time they get to 18 most have decided that nursing is more likely to mean cleaning out bedpans and cutting people's toenails than the more glamorous task of saving lives — and become solicitors, secretaries or civil servants instead.

Sharon McVey didn't. "My nursing training has been the best three years of my life. It was hard work bathing people, talking to mental patients and being shouted at by doctors. But I could stop people crying and for the first time in my life I had a talent," she says.

Last week she was told she had passed her final exams but there have been no staff vacancies for newly-qualified nurses for six months at North Devon district hospital, in Barnstaple, near Ilfracombe, where she lives and no jobs are in the offing. As a single mother with two school-age children, moving is not practicable. The nearest acute hospital is 60 miles away in Exeter and there are no vacancies there.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has said that millions of pounds have been wasted training nurses who now have no prospect of work. Colleges have recruited thousands too many students in the absence of central guidance in the new-style health service where self-governing trust hospitals decide staff levels.

"Only four years ago there was such a dearth of nurses the health department launched a £4.5 million recruitment campaign on television costing £20,000 for every student who signed up," says Michelle Rumsey, the RCN's student association officer.

A nurse's three-year training costs at least £36,000. The health department says that better pay and conditions have caused the problems by vastly reducing staff turnover. The colleges say nursing has suddenly become more attractive in the recession.

The junior nurses themselves are horrified. Most still feel that they went into nursing for altruistic reasons and are being punished unjustly. In June Ms McVey will have to leave the ward where she has spent 18 months. If she is lucky there will be sporadic shifts with the hospital's locum system. Karen Lockhart-Wood, 21, a former dental-surgery assistant, is now in her final year at Lothian College of Nursing in Scotland. "People will always fall ill so I never worried about the future," she says.

Six out of 30 of the most recently qualified nurses have now got a job. Miss Lockhart-Wood qualifies in October. "We couldn't expect to get out of the recession scot-free but after all that work it's gutting. It makes it almost impossible to study for your exams."

The worst-hit areas seem to be Scotland, Northern Ireland, North West Thames, South East Thames and the West Midlands. Many nursing colleges in these areas appear resigned that seven out of ten newly-qualified nurses will not find jobs immediately.

Angela O'Flaherty, 26, studied biochemistry at university in Belfast and is now in her final year at the Northern Area College, Northern Ireland. "I became disillusioned by cold-natured research and wanted to work with people. But the morale is appalling: only four jobs for qualifying nurses have come up in Northern Ireland since Christmas."

The RCN has launched The Nurses' Work Campaign to help nurses at all levels cope with change and unemployment and to lobby for changes that include a guaranteed six months' work after qualification to consolidate skills.

The German and American health authorities have been advertising for qualified nurses. Some nurses are applying to holiday camps and to do voluntary work for charities. Ms O'Flaherty says: "I would apply to nursing homes but the Community Care bill means people are hiring super home helps instead. It seems a terrible false economy. Nurses are good value for money but six years down the line we will have forgotten everything."

ALICE THOMSON

SENSITIVE IRRITATION?

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■ Before becoming an accident statistic, I'd like the free jacket. Some chance

I suppose we all grow up labouring under false impressions. A well-meaning adult metes out some ridiculous titbit of pseudo-information, we take it in, nourish it, remember it for decades, and then suddenly at the age of 35 blithely announce to a company of gape-faced strangers at a dinner party, "*Isn't it amazing to think that it takes* 29 hours for food to reach the stomach?" or "The little man in my tummy will be busy with this lot, shovelling the solids one way and the liquids the other!" I am not for a moment suggesting that everyone has shared these particular delusions (my little man looked like a Freemason, in a spattered bowler hat); my point is that we are deeply vulnerable to misleading data if we learn it early enough.

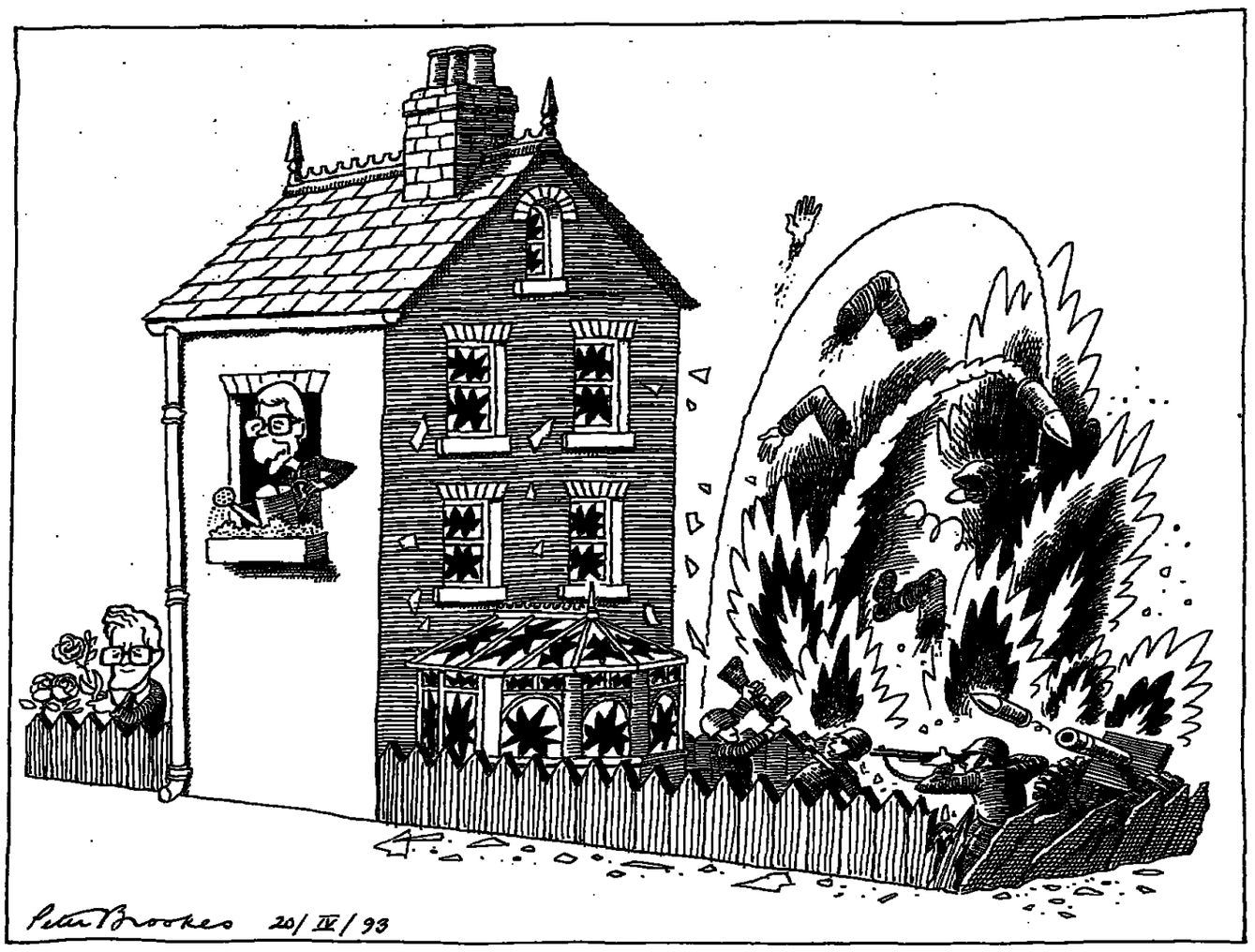
Looking back, my own particular grievance is against the expression, "You're more likely to be run down by a bus". It is a peculiar statement, I know; but I can tell you it was a surefire way of belittling any anxiety deemed to be far-fetched. Cries of, "Mummy, come quick, I think my little man has fainted!" were routinely dismissed with this strange alarmist non sequitur entailing sudden mangled death under the screeching wheels of a double-decker Routemaster. It was meant to reassure, no doubt; but instead it left me with a lingering paranoia about buses ("Oh God, there are three coming at once!"), no sense of relative danger, and a distrust amounting to cynicism in statistical probability as a balm to unease.

"Worse things happen at sea," they told me; but I secretly thought, "How do you know?" and "So what?" Which is why it is odd, as a grown-up, to find that precisely the same useless arguments are employed to pooh-pooh anyone alarmed by the idea of violent crime. More chance of being knocked down by a bus, exclaim the experts, riffling knowledgeably through their sheaves of statistics, and making a little breeze — but it's still a non sequitur; it is still condescending; and in terms of one's imagination (which is unfortunately where fears happen to reside), it still makes no sense whatsoever.

Take *Crimewatch*. At the end of last Thursday's programme, with its usual mix of real-life rapes and murders, Nick Ross, the presenter, made his routine plea for sanity: remember, he said, these violent crimes are very unusual, *there is more chance of being involved in a road accident* — and I was just smiling gratefully, and kicking myself for buying those expensive teeny-weeny personal rape alarms for the cats, when I suddenly thought hang on, I recognise this argument, it's something to do with the 265 to Ealing Broadway.

I mean, yes, it's true, we don't all go around worrying about road accidents, but what possible bearing does this have? Road accidents are horrible, but they are not frightening. That's the point. If one is affected by stories of violent crime, what scares you is that they happen, smack out of the blue, with a shock of totality that transcends odds and percentages; but the significant thing is that they are *not accidents*. In cases of violent crime, extraordinary as it may seem, there is always the involvement of a violent criminal. So it's personal. And because it's personal, it's scary. I agree that nobody wants to live in a climate of fear, and that we need a sense of proportion, but drawing a false analogy doesn't help.

More reassuring would be statistics that take this personal element into account. Why doesn't somebody calculate, for example, the relative likelihood of complete strangers — smack, out of the blue — being nice to you? Who knows, the chances of suffering a violent attack might turn out to be precisely the same as, I don't know, an assistant in a *snooty designer clothes-shop* saying, "You've got to have that, madam; ah the hell with it, it's yours." One could live quite comfortably with this idea, I feel, because the remoteness of the possibility is something you can truly grasp. Forget the pile-ups, the marine disasters, those scarlet double-deckers bent on search-and-destroy. You could just think, "Hey, it's true, nobody ever gave me a free liner: jacket. Perhaps the world is safer than I thought."



What price an apology?

Far from accepting their culpability for the European Bank fiasco, officials now claim that the British are at fault

Bernard Levin

I did not suppose that I would return so soon to the story of Attali's Palace; indeed, I did not really expect to come back to it at all. Some aspects of the scandal, however, are so significant that I feel obliged to squelch back into the midden, though no clothes-peg on my nose — not even an iron one — could stifle the stench. (Now, I learn, Attali is squealing that it was not *he* who ordered *millions* spent on marble and such; I cannot remember who said "Blaming your subordinates is the last resort of a scoundrel".)

The snouts are still in the troughs, and the catalogue of swinery continues to unroll; the *Financial Times*, which originally broke the story, has been dishing more of the dirt. For instance, lesser organisations, when it comes to buying the desks, just order some useful — even handsome — desks and think no more about it. *Chez* Attali, we do it differently. Norman Foster, whose work does not come cheap (and why should it, when Attali and Pissaloux are happily shelling out as much money as is required?), has designed a gleaming desk, all steel and glass — *très chic* — and 600 of them have been bought at something more than £600 each, thus notching up £360,000 or a bit over.

Next, a magic carpet. It has been designed in a large number of shades of green; this is because it was necessary — well, of course it was, you cheapskates — for the carpet to look the same colour whatever the lighting.

Ah, but the floors, the floors! More than than one and a quarter million pounds has gone on raising them, so that Attali and Pissaloux can walk upon 2,000 square metres of Italian white veined marble. (More marble, you see; do they have a thing about marble, Attali and Pissaloux?) And I nearly forgot the bar! It must be one hell of a bar, holding 100 chairs "representing European furniture throughout the century in the style of famous designers including Le Corbusier". But would Attali and Pissaloux kindly note that when they invite me for a drink I would rather not sit in the Le Corbusier chair? I don't like his architecture and I doubt that his chair would be comfortable. Mind, don't strain yourselves to please me; anything comfy from Maples will suffice, though I do realise that it wouldn't suffice Attali and Pissaloux.

But the best comes last. I think I had better quote it verbatim from the *FT*:

> The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development approached the Corporation of London last autumn with a request that it should spend £1.5m on a temporary structure for the Bank's annual meeting ... The Bank drew up plans to build a large tented structure in Spitalfields, across the road from its Bishopsgate building in London. The proposals included a bridge, to be installed by helicopter, that would link the two buildings for the duration of the meeting, to provide extra security for its senior delegates. [Presumably that means Attali and Pissaloux and bugger the rest.]
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> The corporation, asked to provide the accommodation for the meeting as a welcoming gesture, rejected the proposal as too expensive. The corporation also rejected an earlier proposal to consider building a permanent conference centre, which could then be used for the Bank's meeting, on the Spitalfields site, at a cost of £14m.

And again, as last week, I stopped laughing.

This infamous, monomaniac, revolting gesture, its greed, vanity and self-importance crying to heaven for vengeance, would be bad enough if it were a matter of thieving, if Attali and Pissaloux (and Ronald "Ron" Freeman — I shall introduce him to you in a moment) were crooks siphoning off the money. But no: it is quite clear that not so much as a bent ecu has gone into any unauthorised pocket, that none of them can have any fear from even the most searching audit, and consequently they can all go out of the building without a stain on their characters other than any they might have had upon them when they came in.

Yet some things, surely, amount to worse than theft. Because these people — Attali alone racked up £600,000 a year in hiring private planes, at £22,000 a sortie — were not stealing the money, they hypnotised themselves into truly believing that they could do *anything* with it.

Let us take a single item from the pile, neither better nor worse than a dozen such (I might have chosen, for instance, the security barrier, described as "*designed less to keep out predators than to* impress visitors"), and look at it as an ordinary man or woman would. Attali and his lot paid, with other people's money, of course, to ensure that the doors inside the building were fit for him and his entourage.

You and I might think that a door is a *door and if it opens and shuts satisfactorily* there is no more to be said on the subject. Not Attali; *his* doors need joinery for the finest panelling, doorframes and the doors themselves, with "large amounts of crown-cut sycamore", and these touches cost no less than two-and-a-half million pounds.

The money was not Attali's, but it had been given to him, quite properly, to use. To use, that is, for the reason it had been given; to help the people of the East to rebuild their lives through projects that the money was to fund, and that sum — two-and-a-half million quid, remember — was part of those seeds, desperately needed. Now: is it possible to get into the head of Attali that any ordinary person, faced with those facts, would conclude that he ought to be sacked immediately? Or, to put it another way, is there any ordinary person reading this who would not think that he should be sacked for such conduct?

Now let me, as I promised, introduce you to Mr Ronald ("Ron") Freeman, yet another head man of the bank (what with Attali and Pissaloux and Waigel and this one, they seem to breed like cockroaches, and some of them are just about as charming). He epitomises what is perhaps the most striking and most odious aspect of this whole stinking story: the absolute refusal to apologise, to admit error, to take any measure of responsibility, to exhibit, or even to feel, shame.

In an interview with him by Margareta Pagano for *The Sunday Telegraph*, he used every excuse, every exculpation, every shiftiness, every change of subject. "The shareholders didn't object," he whined. "The building was costed," he bleated. "All this will defuse energies which could be spent on the work we have to do," he sweated. "There is undoubtedly some political motivation to the criticism", he wailed. (There isn't.) But one word of remorse, one word of culpability, one word even of human error — *no such word was employed*.

There were, however, other words that he spoke, words which suggest that he was becoming desperate, and in desperation hardly realised what he was saying. Speaking of the building, he said: "If this had been fitted out with old linoleum I am sure people would have objected too. *The British tend to believe that the more run-down something is* the more wholesome it is. They like cold showers and cold porridge."

So it is we, the British people, who are the culprits in this noisome tale! Attali and Pissaloux and Freeman have fingered the villains: it was we British who wasted countless millions of pounds, we whose unquenchable vanity demanded a palace of Travertine marble, and then changed our minds and installed Carrara, we British who threw away £750,000 of precious money to feed our hunger for notoriety, we British who declared that nothing was too good for Attali and Pissaloux and Freeman, we British who made excuses, who ran away, who cheered when Attali, the humble Attali, and Pissaloux, the modest Pissaloux, and Freeman, the noble Freeman, claimed their birthright — the use of other people's money, as much as they want, and in perpetuity.

Or possibly not. As you read this, Attali will be closeted with Theo Waigel, who as the chairman of the bank's governors is the only man who can sack Attali, and indeed sack the entire unwholesome crew. He won't, of course; it would be too shaming. But it is just possible that he will say, for the record, words that will make it very difficult for Attali and his minions to cling to office. Not, of course, because they would be ashamed to brazen it out, but because we — we, the despised British people, who are worth no more than cold porridge — will say to Attali, "Go away: *you are not fit to sit at* your £600 desk, so go. And when you go, take your creatures, Pissaloux and Freeman, with you."

Britain's ethnically divided peoples

■ Twenty-five years ago today, J. Enoch Powell made the controversial speech on immigration for which he was labelled "racialist" and dismissed from the shadow cabinet. Here, he defends his predictions and warns against the dangers of communalism

A sharp shift has taken place since 1968 in the focus of the problem of the New Commonwealth population in the United Kingdom.

So far as crude numbers are concerned, the census of 1991 verified my own "minimum figures" of a New Commonwealth population by the end of the century "working out at a little over 6 per cent" (Eastbourne, November 16, 1968), with a figure on census day 1991 which showed the proportion of the "ethnic minority" in the population of Great Britain to be 5.9 per cent already. It is, however, in another way that the census has emphasised the great change in focus that has taken place.

Because of the legislative struggle in 1960-68 to control immigration in the literal sense of the word, the emphasis had always been upon the crude annual total of arrivals. What escaped closer attention was the age structure of the new accretion to the population.

The census has shown a great disparity in the age structure of the two populations, which will continue to cause the relative size of the ethnic minority to increase as far ahead as it is worthwhile to look (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, *Population Trends No 71*, page 3). Accordingly, the focus of attention switches, as the years go by, from the original cause of growth, net immigration, to the continuing cause, age structure.

Given a substantial resident ethnic minority population, a trickle of real immigration must be expected to continue, a trickle which has nothing to do with policy or with illegal entry; but we have become prisoners of the past to this extent, that we are apparently fated to *stay with the expressions "immigrant"* and "immigration".

What happened in the 1950s and the 1960s, with the consequences of which we have to live for the foreseeable future, was due overwhelmingly to that piece of *self-inflicted national humbug, the* British Nationality Act 1948. The Act secured that, as new independent states were carved out of the old colonial and Indian empires, their inhabitants would have the same right to enter and reside in the United Kingdom as its native inhabitants. There was no matching legislation on the part of the newly independent countries. Indeed, the legislation was a denial of the right to define one's own citizens as something logically inherent in the possession of autonomy.

Of course, when we saw the results, we repented and repealed the unrequited offer by passing the Commonwealth *Immigrants Act, which came into effect* in July 1962; but that was not until a resident population had been established here which was bound to increase exponentially.

The reality of the situation is obscured when population is expressed as a percentage proportion taken over the whole of the United Kingdom. The ethnic minority is geographically concentrated, so that areas in which it forms a majority already exist, and these areas are destined inevitably to grow.

It is here that the compatibility of such an ethnic minority with the functioning of parliamentary democracy comes into question. Parliamentary democracy depends at all levels upon the valid acceptance of majority decision, by which the nation as a whole is content to be bound because of the continually available prospect that what one majority has decided another majority can subsequently alter.

From this point of view, the political homogeneity of the electorate is crucial. What we do not, as yet, know is whether the voting behaviour of our altered population will be able to use the majority vote as a political instrument and not as a means of self-identification, self-assertion and self-enumeration.

It may be that the United Kingdom will escape the political consequences of communalism; but communalism and democracy, as the experience of India demonstrates, are incompatible. That is the spectre which the Conservative party's policy of assisted repatriation in the 1960s aimed to banish; but time and events have swept over and passed the already outdated remedies of the 1960s.

We are entering unknown territory where the only certainty for the future is the relative increase of the ethnic minority due to the age structure of that population which has been established. That is the real change of focus since 1968. Perhaps we could have foreseen this; but the census has planted it firmly in our lap.

The author was Minister of Health 1960-63.

Not glad to be grey

FOR a man who swore he would never resort to the image-makers, John Major appears to be relying more heavily on them than he might have hoped. It has emerged that the man behind the American-style televised press conferences planned for No. 10 is none other than Sir Gordon Reece, who in the early 1980s launched a new-look Margaret Thatcher on an unsuspecting public.

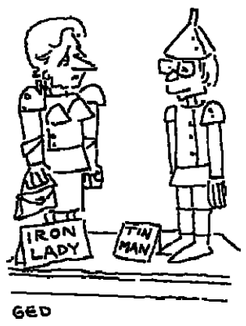
Major vowed proudly on taking office that individuals such as Reece would "not find me under their tutelage". But, haunted by his predecessor, he has been forced to bow to the inevitable.

Mrs Thatcher made no secret of the fact that image-makers were heeded in No. 10 during her reign. She will doubtless derive considerable satisfaction at the sight of Major eating his words. The rebuilding of Mrs Thatcher involved a new wardrobe, a softer voice and her remarkable hairstyle.

Although the changes in Major are not yet fully apparent, Reece has been quietly advising him for several months on how to improve his image with the voters. Surprisingly, he believes Major is still one of the Tories' few trump cards.

Nor is Reece, knighted by Mrs Thatcher for his work in 1986, the lone member of the *ancien régime* now back in favour at Downing Street. Sir Ronald Millar, who crafted some of the most memorable phrases in Mrs Thatcher's speeches, is also being consulted by the prime minister.

Millar, who wrote the fabled line "U turn if you want to, the lady is not for turning", says: "The general idea for the American press conferences is coming from Gordon Reece. There was a long break before I was asked if I would help the new regime. Now I find that John Major is as receptive to ideas as Margaret." Maybe he needs to be.



DIARY

● *Few could have been more delighted than Brendan Foster, the long-distance Olympic medallist, over Eamonn Martin's victory in the London marathon. As distributor of Brooks sportswear, the victor's make of running shoe, Foster's company Nova International was his sponsor. But although he was commentating for the BBC as Martin approached the line, Foster was professional to the last. His lugubrious commentary never once wavered with excitement.*

Speak to me

COMMUNICATION problems are dogging not just the Tory party. In the Labour stronghold of Hackney, Diane Abbott, one of the local MPs, has resorted to pleading for an audience with one of her councillors in an article in *The Hackney Gazette*.

Under the headline "Still Waiting", Abbott likens Labour councillor Andy Buttress to the Scarlet Pimpernel. She is, she says, seeking him here, there and everywhere to talk about cuts in services. But like the Pimpernel, he is proving "damn elusive".

"In response to the community groups steaming in to see me, I wrote to Cllr Buttress and asked for a meeting. I have written twice since then — still no reply ... So please, Cllr Buttress, get in touch," she appeals. Buttress so far appears unmoved by her scribblings. Perhaps Abbott should try a US-style press conference — televised, just like the Conservatives.

Lost art

AMONG those saddest at the death of Dame Elisabeth Frink is Arts Council chairman Lord Palumbo, a great friend of the sculptor. He had commissioned Frink to do a bust of himself and one of his wife, Hayat. Last month he had his first sitting with Frink in her Dorset studio; today was to be his second.

Although ill, Frink was "full of beans", but she tired quickly, says Palumbo. "We had to cut the thing short. She started with the clay model of a head and in about 20 minutes it was taking take shape." Sadly, the bust got no further and Palumbo is unlikely to keep it.

Had the two busts been completed — Lady Palumbo's was not even started — Palumbo believes they would have been among Frink's more significant achievements. "You see, it was very unusual for her to attempt women. But she met my wife and agreed to do it immediately."

Go for red lights

AN EXTRAORDINARY appeal appears in the *London Review of Books*, one of the literary circle's more highbrow publications. Fiona Pitt-Kethley, a poet specialising in erotica, wants readers to send her details of any brothels, strip joints and dens of iniquity they have visited. She is looking for salacious details for a new book: *The Red Light Districts of the World*.

Having trawled Dublin, Cairo, Amsterdam, Tokyo, Tel Aviv, Toronto and Istanbul for research, Pitt-Kethley now has another 30 cities on her list. "I would be prepared to write up the more respectable side of any city while researching its under-belly after hours," she says.

● *Property may be bouncing back — but only against the odds. Planners at Westminster council say a £230m office development in front of Victoria station is too tall for permission to be granted. The decision comes just months after the Royal Fine Art Commission rejected the proposal on the ground that the building wasn't tall enough.*

Death note

YOU might have thought Sir Ernst Gombrich, would list *The Story of Art*, the world's all-time best selling art history book, as his most important achievement. Far from it. Gombrich, the eminent art historian, has just revealed his most significant deed.

"I am happy to have been the one to tell Winston Churchill and the whole world that Hitler was dead," he recalls in the book *A Lifelong interest: Conversations on art and science with Didier Eribon*, published next month.

Gombrich, professor emeritus at the University of London, was working at the BBC at Reading, translating foreign broadcasts, when German radio declared an important announcement was imminent. He recognised a movement from a Bruckner symphony which had been written to mark the death of Wagner.

"They asked me to write the various possibilities on bits of paper. On one I wrote 'Hitler is dead'," he said. That little piece of paper went to Churchill; it was Gombrich's own contribution to history.

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THE NEW GOVERNANCE

All parties have a chance to seize a big idea

"Reinventing government" may not sound like a slogan to win the nation's hearts and votes. But, with due deference to Norman Lamont, Douglas Hurd and all the courageous Eurosceptics, it is more likely to be the next decade's "big idea" than zero inflation or European union. John Major, for all his tortured obsessions with European diplomacy and monetary economics, appears to have instinctively grasped this one issue. He has understood that the relationship between citizens and public institutions is, at root, what all politics is about.

But Mr Major has not yet managed to inspire the nation with his vision of citizens' charters. This is not only because of his much-discussed rhetorical inadequacies. Mr Major's speeches about performance contracts and consumer guarantees have failed to resonate with the public, because Britain's interest in citizenship and government still seems to dwell more on past conflicts than the opportunities of the future.

In yesterday's *Times*, Professor Norman Lewis of Sheffield University published an essay on how Britain could apply the concepts recently popularised in America in an unlikely political best-seller, *Reinventing Government*, by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler. The book's central thesis is that government must give citizens the chance to enjoy public goods, without necessarily providing them. The concept of an "enabling" state has had great influence in American politics. It has appealed not only to fiscally-strapped social liberals like Bill Clinton, but also to unrepentant tax-cutting conservatives like Jack Kemp. *The Times* will try to stimulate the debate on government in Britain, by organising a discussion with David Osborne and the European Policy Forum on May 4.

The issues are huge, but they can be grouped around five broad themes. First, the purpose of government is to achieve identifiable results, not just to follow pre-ordained procedures. The government's commitment to education, for example, must not be judged by how much it spends on schools, but by how well children learn to read. Second, competition and decentralisation are as useful in government as they are in the world of commerce. Competition can increase efficiency, but even more importantly it can offer citizens choices and thereby force government to provide the quality and variety of services people want.

Third, government can often achieve best results by "steering not rowing"; it can regulate private sector activity with rules and incentives, instead of taking on functions for itself. Fourth, the functions that remain within government must be organised, as in the private sector, to assure transparency and clear responsibility for results. In New Zealand, for example, permanent secretaries in civil service departments have been changed into managers on fixed-term, performance related contracts. A mandarin who had assured the government that he could maintain sterling's exchange-rate against the mark, might not have his contract renewed after the policy failed.

Finally, the citizen must be brought as much as possible into those policy decisions that cannot be left to competition, either in commercial or public-sector markets. For example, the hundreds of quangos that set standards for everything from water purity to police behaviour, must be made accountable to the people through elections, local referendums or other democratic processes.

Such precepts merely scratch at the surface of what would be involved in reinventing government for the 21st century. It is a rich and controversial agenda. The Liberal Democrats claim some of this territory as their natural birthright. The Labour Party's modernisers are edging towards it, but are obstructed at every turn by Labour's traditional loyalty to producers, rather than citizens and consumers. For John Major and the Conservatives, reinventing government is a great challenge and opportunity. If Mr Major fails to grasp it fully then, sooner or later, some other leader surely will.

TRAGEDY IN WACO

The White House faces questions it would rather avoid

Ever since February, when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms led its botched raid on the headquarters of Branch Daividian cult leader, David Koresh, there was a tragedy in the making at Waco, Texas. By the time that first gun battle had finished four ATF officers were dead and the bodies of at least six cult members lay inside the building. So began a strange siege which outlasted the Alamo, a war of nerves in which ultimately it seems that Koresh was the victor.

The parallels at Waco with the massacre at Jonestown, in which the American cult leader Jim Jones fed his followers with cyanide from a Kool Aid dispenser, rather than surrender to the authorities, must have been clear to the FBI when it took on the thankless task of bringing the siege to a close. Koresh, it was soon apparent, had Messianic ambitions which would only be satisfied by a bloody apocalypse. The fate of his followers seemed never to be a consideration.

All the high technology mustered by the FBI to build up a complete picture of what was happening in the compund, all the psychological warfare of bombarding the cultists with blaring pop music, used to effect during the invasion of Panama, proved utterly useless. Instead, it was Koresh himself who wore down his besiegers with endless prevarication. Every concession made by the authorities was turned against them. Koresh siezed every opportunity to propagate his bizarre beliefs when given an airing on the television and the radio. Angry and frustrated, the FBI finally lost patience yesterday and stormed the compound.

A number of questions will now be put to authorities — from those at Waco to those in the White House. Why was David Koresh given a chance of easy martyrdom by launching a frontal attack yesterday? It had already been widely reported that the compound was stuffed full of inflammable material. So why were fire engines not on standby particularly as a powerful Texan wind was blowing at the time of the assualt? Why were there no snatch-squads ready to rescue women and children from the holocaust? Mr Clinton may have cause to regret the White House statement that he had been fully informed of the FBI's plans in advance.

Broader question of national competence will be raised by the bloody debacle. The armed might of the United States has once again failed to cope with irrational, fanatical opponents. Inevitably Washington's critics will compare yesterday's fiasco with President Carter's attempt to rescue the American hostages from Iran and President Reagan's disastrous incursion into Beirut. It would be regrettable if a series of mistakes in Waco were to shake the international confidence of a new administration that sets competence as one of its watchwords.

NEW MYTHS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

All groups must face the implications of Chris Hani's death

The murder of the Communist party leader Chris Hani has put both the South African government and the African National Congress in a tight spot. The increased pace of violence perpetrated by black and white extremists threatens to polarise politics still further on racial lines, to trip up the faltering economy and to devolve power to militant gunmen in the streets.

Radical young blacks will see the arrest this weekend of a Conservative Party parliamentarian, Clive Derby-Lewis, as confirming their worst fears: that it was the white system which conspired to kill their hero, and not some Polish interloper acting on his own. Whites, on the other hand, have seen city-centre shops looted by black demonstrators without police or army interference. They will despair of their government's ability to enforce law and order. They will stock up arms in preparation for the fire next time and use them. In this political climate, it will be harder than ever to broker a constitutional compromise.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, has been forced to make temporary concessions to appease his movement's hard-line wing. There has been a show of mass mobilisation, a return to the so-called "Leipzig option" of taking control of the streets, a tactic abandoned by the ANC as too politically dangerous last year. Mr Mandela is also pushing for a so-called "liberation date" or firm date for multi-racial elections. Simultaneously the ANC has asked for a postponement of the multi-party talks. It is a contradictory posture but still an improvement on events last June when the black-on- walking out of the constitutional talks. President De Klerk faces a dilemma too. If he tries to drive looters off the city streets his government will be condemned by Western liberals for shooting down demonstrators. But if he is seen to surrender control of the streets, his own supporters will come to believe that power is slipping out of his hands. Militant proponents of neo-apartheid will then find wider backing for an armed struggle against majority rule. The faint-hearted with the right passports will take to the boats. What can he do?

First the government should determinedly pursue its investigation into the murder. If there is a conspiracy behind the murder of Mr Hani it must be rooted out. Ever since the murder of two anti-apartheid activists, David Webster and Anton Lubowski, it has been suspected that units within the armed forces and police have been conducting rogue operations against the ANC and its supporters. President De Klerk's decision to allow foreign police services to aid the investigation of Mr Hani's murder is not only welcome but essential for the government's credibility.

Mr de Klerk must also give hope to his ANC counterparts that South Africa is a test ground for a new politics. The ANC and the government need to make an accommodation not only with each other but also with political groupings such as the Zulu Inkatha organisation, which are simply too strong to be excluded from the political spoils without further bloodshed. Under the old myths, held by black and white alike, one group triumphs over all the others. Without new myths the country will die.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Costs and efficiency of the public's access to the law

From the President of the Law Society

Sir, I wonder whether Lord Mackay deserves the credit you give him in your leading article ("A bar to justice", April 14) for "confronting the problem of soaring costs" of legal aid. The Law Society warned him two years ago that it was inevitable that measures to curb the increase would have to be taken and invited him to consult widely on how it should be done.

But our warnings and our offers to co-operate were ignored, and the Lord Chancellor, having failed to plan ahead, is now simply imposing crude limitations on the public's access to the law.

As the Home Affairs Committee of the House of Commons pointed out last month, these cuts do not sit easily with the government's strategy to make the consumer and the citizen more aware of his or her rights and more tenacious of them.

It is really not good enough that the government, in its haste now to address the problem of rising costs, should simply penalise the poor, to assist whom legal aid exists.

In December, we urged the Lord Chancellor to establish a body representing all interests in the provision of legal services (the government, the Legal Aid Board, advice agencies, consumer bodies and lawyers) to plan the priorities for future legal aid spending, to help avoid similar crises in the future.

Lord Mackay was quick to reject the suggestion, saying that he was not persuaded that any new body was necessary to provide him with advice in this area. Moreover, in February, when the existing Legal Aid Advisory Committee warned him against making the proposed legal aid eligibility cuts, he simply ignored the advice.

The Commons Home Affairs Committee has now also recommended an enquiry involving the government, the professions and consumer groups to look at the scope for efficiencies in the way legal services are delivered and the courts run. We continue to support that approach.

Surely, it is now time for the Lord Chancellor to seek a broadly based consensus on how the money available for legal aid can best be spent rather than to persist unilaterally in imposing cuts which undermine the purpose of the scheme.

Yours truly,
MARK SHELDON,
President,
The Law Society,
113 Chancery Lane, WC2.
April 16.

From Mr John M. Taylor, MP, Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department

Sir, In her report of April 14, "Low-paid lose out as legal aid cuts come into effect", your legal correspondent failed to register a vital aspect of the new legal aid rates, which is that eligibility is based on disposable income and not gross income.

When calculating eligibility for Green Form advice significant "disregards" are permissible: the value of the applicant's home and contents, income tax and national insurance contributions, and allowances for dependants. In addition, the following are not taken into account when calculating disposable income: attendance and disability living allowances; any payment out of the Social Fund; and constant attendance allowance paid as an increase to a disablement pension.

It is therefore highly likely that the temporarily employed graphic designer, mentioned in the article as earning £85 a week, would be eligible for Green Form assistance under the new regulations.

Your editorial of the same day also omitted to mention the disposable nature of the weekly income calculation. The lower limit for free civil legal aid is £2,294, not £2,217 as quoted.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TAYLOR,
Parliamentary Secretary,
Lord Chancellor's Department,
Trevelyan House,
30 Great Peter Street, SW1.
April 14.

From Mr Andrew Wheldon

Sir, The bland statement in your leading article that the Lord Chancellor is leaving criminal aid "more or less as it is" could not be further from the truth. The standard fee system to be introduced shortly (judicial review permitting) will, according to my calculations, cut payment to those firms still willing or able to undertake criminal legal aid work by between 15 per cent and 20 per cent.

This work, already poorly remunerated, is currently paid at a rate on average of 30 per cent less than civil legal aid work. Many experienced solicitor advocates will be forced to conclude that they can no longer afford to supply the same level of service, if any.

Given a rising crime rate, a decline in the number of criminal legal aid orders granted (again as a result of pressure from the Lord Chancellor's office), and continuing doubts as to the probity of "Old Bill", are Lord Mackay and the government really acting in the best interests of justice and the public?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WHELDON,
Pickworths (solicitors),
37 Marlowes,
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.
April 14.

From Mr Andrew V. Grand

Sir, Yesterday I received a copy of an offer of legal aid to a client of mine — a single parent in receipt of family credit who has not chosen to bring legal proceedings but has had an application made against her by the father of her child. The offer is that, in order to receive legal aid, she should pay a contribution of £771.50 — £65.30 in the first month and £64.20 for 11 months thereafter.

This is not an example of the effects of the changes in legal aid eligibility. My client's assessment is under the old rules. The new eligibility rules require increased contributions at all levels of income except income-support level and her monthly contributions would be even higher.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GRAND,
Holden & Co (solicitors),
42 Robertson Street,
Hastings, East Sussex.
April 16.

From Mr D. J. Stott

Sir, You state that the Lord Chancellor "must give priority to negotiations on restructuring lawyers' fees in legal aid work and to replace their often exorbitant hourly rates with a system of standard fees". I accept that there are lawyers who seek to charge exorbitant rates; but that does not and cannot happen in legal aid work, which has always been relatively poorly paid and subject to prescribed rates and outside controls.

The recent increase in the cost of legal aid has occurred not because lawyers charge exorbitantly, but because more people who qualify for legal aid require legal advice and assistance. They have probably been attracted to seek such advice and assistance by lawyers having become more consumer-friendly.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. STOTT,
Brignalls (solicitors),
Queensway Chambers, Queensway,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

'Facts' of Nature and belief in God

From Mr Frank J. Peachey

Sir, Professor Wolpert's simplistic analysis of what he regards as the incompatibility of science and religion ("Religious thinking does not produce knowledge", April 10) does less than justice to the subject. Galileo's dispute was not with the Scriptures per se but with a Church whose cosmology owed more to Aristotle than to the Bible.

That we are "closely related to apes" is an evolutionary hypothesis lacking the hard evidence from palaeontology and other disciplines which would confirm it as scientific fact.

On the origin of the universe Wolpert says that "something must be taken as an unquestioned starting point". Should he not allow Christians, including deeply religious scientists, to hold that someone — the Creator — must be taken as the starting point?

Yours truly,
F. J. PEACHEY,
67 Cordell Place,
Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk.

From Professor Emeritus A. J. Ellison

Sir, All we ever can have are mental experiences: we "explain" everything in terms of mental models which put into order those at first disordered mental experiences.

In our current scientific model we perceive the world through the five senses: the result is a series of electro-chemical pulses arriving at centres in the little computer we call the brain. How this can give the impression of a world full of colour, movement and beauty perceived through two little windows in the front of the computer is a mystery.

But almost all the "facts" of science are based on that. Miracles may be "not open to examination", as Lewis Wolpert says, but when scientific examination itself has this basic difficulty at its core, where are we?

Wolpert suggests that "... so-called paranormal events, the evidence for miracles, heaven, hell, or any sort of afterlife is simply not sustainable within a scientific view of the world". Has he not heard of the many who have had a "near-death experience", or of the distinguished scientists who consider the scientific study of the paranormal important?

There is good scientific evidence for him to examine. However, let us not equate science with scientism. There are such things as religious experiences.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR ELLISON
(Consultant engineer),
10 Foxgrove Avenue,
Beckenham, Kent.
April 11.

From Mr Robert Howe

Sir, Edward Norman ("Nature and science are revelations of God", April 10) observes that in their acceptance of scientific truth people demonstrate a "need to imagine that in taking up the packaged explanations of the accessible pundits, they are thinking for themselves".

Are we to assume that those who accept religious doctrine without question are in fact thinking for themselves? Or is it that anyone who takes the trouble to think for himself will come to realise that a true understanding of the world is impossible without religion? If the latter be the case, the origin of the arguments advanced by the "accessible pundits" is surely called into question.

It appears that the chaplain of Christ Church College, Canterbury, would reserve credit for independent thought for the ever-diminishing numbers who happen to share his views.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT HOWE,
16 Upperstone Close,
Stotfold, Hitchin,
Hertfordshire.
April 10.

Dental charges

From Mr Michael Watson

Sir, Peter Millar ("Laughing gas? I nearly died", Body and Mind, April 8) complains that he was charged £10 for a 15-minute dental consultation — a rate of £40 an hour. It may interest him to know that the NHS charge for such a consultation is now £12 and that the NHS rate for routine treatment is about £45 an hour. I reckon he had a bargain.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WATSON
(Head of Practitioner Services),
British Dental Association,
64 Wimpole Street, W1.

From Mr Howard Ballard

Sir, In his struggle to be amusing Peter Millar fails to tell your readers that NHS dentistry is rapidly fading from the scene as general dental practitioners find themselves "constructively dismissed" by the government's actions in imposing a "more work, less pay" contract on the profession.

As the Department of Health prepares to introduce yet another new contract, independent dentistry is set to become the norm for adult patients.

The only consolation I can offer Mr Millar is that unless his sense of humour improves, independent dentists will continue to construct brighter smiles than he is able to raise.

Yours sincerely,
HOWARD BALLARD,
Ballard Associates (dental surgeons),
1806 Paisley Road West, Glasgow.

Education test

From the General Secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers

Sir, Whatever the outcome of the case brought to the Court of Appeal by Wandsworth Council against NAS/UWT, it will not be a judgment on whether a teacher has a statutory duty to administer the national curriculum tests, as alleged in your editorials "Class war" (April 12) and "Classroom discipline" (April 15).

Wandsworth has dropped its claim regarding statutory duty in its appeal against the judgment given in the High Court earlier this month (report, April 3).

You share this confusion with the secretary of state, Mr John Patten, who also appears to believe that the Court of Appeal will be asked to adjudicate on this issue. It will not.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL de GRUCHY,
General Secretary, NAS/UWT,
5 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Refugee crisis

From Ms Tünde Vajda

Sir, Tiny Hungary's efforts in handling the refugee crisis in Central and Eastern Europe have generally received favourable comment in the Western press.

It is all the more regrettable that my fellow countryman, Ferenc Koszeg, an MP, should lecture the Hungarian government on its memories of the acceptance of Hungarian refugees in 1956 by the rest of the world, the number of whom is put at 200,000 (report, April 12).

Even domestic opponents should be aware that there are about 200,000 refugees registered now in Hungary. We have amply returned the generosity extended by "the rest of the world" in 1956, commensurate with our size.

Yours sincerely,
TÜNDE VAJDA
(Counsellor),
Embassy of the Republic of Hungary,
35 Eaton Place, SW1.
April 15.

Trust support

From Mr John Lewis

Sir, In your obituary (April 5) of our founder, Helen Lowenthal, the impression might have been given that the Victoria & Albert Museum currently does not support the Attingham Trust. In fact, under the present director, Mrs Esteve-Coll, we have enjoyed excellent relations with the museum, which funds a V & A scholar each year at our summer school, has one of its senior curators on our council and numbers many of its senior staff among our alumni.

It was Helen and Helena Hayward, our consultant director, who instigated this rapprochement and both were delighted at its outcome.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. J. LEWIS
(Chairman),
The Attingham Trust,
11 King's Road, SW3.
April 5.

Splendid bridge

From Mr Dudley Dennington, FEng

Sir, I was delighted to see your excellent photograph of the Albert Bridge (April 7) in all its splendour.

I was the chief officer at the GLC in 1972 concerned, *inter alia*, with the maintenance of road bridges over the Thames. My staff and I were determined that Ordish's stayed-girder bridge should remain in use, and devised the centre prop for this purpose, in the face of local opposition and to the distaste of the Royal Fine Art Commission.

Convinced we were right, we begged to differ, persevered through a public enquiry and saved the bridge. I am glad we did.

Yours faithfully,
DUDLEY DENNINGTON,
25 Corkran Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

From Councillor Miss D. M. Weatherhead

Sir, The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea refurbished and repainted the steel and timber deck of the Albert Bridge at the same time as carrying out the lighting improvements that have now won a commendation from the Lighting Industry Federation. The refurbishment was done to ensure that the bridge could continue to be used by vehicles up to two tonnes.

However, measures have been necessary at each end to prevent vehicles in excess of this weight from using the bridge. The criticism by drivers about such an imposition, notwithstanding their earlier displeasure at the delays caused by the works, has been most unkind. The reality, unpalatable as it may be, is that the weight limit is probably with us for posterity as funds are unlikely to be available for a new bridge.

Yours faithfully,
DOREEN M. WEATHERHEAD
(Chairman, Highways and Traffic Committee),
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea,
The Town Hall, Kensington, W8.

Contraceptive choice

From the Director of Family and Youth Concern

Sir, The president and chairman of the National Association of Family Planning Doctors seem to believe (letter, April 13) that this government should continue to be committed to maintaining the lavish provision of every available type of fertility control.

In view of the ongoing policy of introducing the private-sector approach to areas of health care, and of steadily and steeply raising prescription charges, it is difficult to see how they reach this conclusion.

Contraception is already the only type of "health care" which is free to everyone at every stage of their fertile years, no matter what their means (and no matter that the policy has proved to be a failure in terms of reducing abortions and illegitimate pregnancies).

This is remarkable considering how many sick people have to pay for drug treatments which may be vital to their well-being. Surely this special status is an anomaly which should be ended.

Yours sincerely,
VALERIE RICHES, Director,
Family & Youth Concern,
Wicken, Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.

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Cheaper fishing

From Mrs Jean Howman

Sir, It would be wrong to assume that to equip yourself to fly fish is an expensive business ("Tall tales for this year's model angler", April 10). Most tackle shops that cater for the fly fisher and some fisheries provide a "pack" for the inexperienced angler at around £100, less than one-sixth of the cost indicated, not to mention the second-hand market.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN HOWMAN
(Secretary, The Association of Stillwater Game Fishery Managers),
Ashmere, Felix Lane,
Shepperton, Middlesex.
April 14.

For the cunning

From Mr Charles Dodd

Sir, There are no bridge prodigies (letter, April 13) because some data are concealed in bridge whereas in chess all the data are visible on the board. As a result, bridge gives much greater scope for deception — an element that can be well understood only after some years' experience of the human condition.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES DODD,
21 Pine Close, Horsell,
Woking, Surrey.
April 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 19: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), received Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel and Major-General Charles Ramsay upon assuming the appointment.

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), received Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholas Seymour upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer and Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Allen upon assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, University of Cambridge Kurt Hahn Trust, this morning attended a Meeting of the Trust followed by luncheon at the Dresdner Bank, Frankfurt.

His Royal Highness later visited the Town Hall.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 19: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Irish Regiment, today received Lieutenant-Colonel James Jackson upon relinquishing command of the Ninth Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel George Hislop RHF on assuming the appointment.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 19: The Prince Edward, Chairman, the International Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon held a meeting of the Public Relations Panel at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 19: The Prince of Wales this *morning visited North Ronaldsay* and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Orkney (Brigadier Malcolm Dennison).

His Royal Highness met the islanders and viewed damage and repairs to the Sheep Dyke.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Scalloway and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shetland (Mr Magnus Shearer).

His Royal Highness met fish farmers and fishermen from areas affected by the recent oil spill.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 19: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Merseyside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Post Graduate Education Centre, Arrowe Park Hospital, the Wirral, and afterwards visited the Liverpool Institute Building, Mount Street, Liverpool.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited the Midland Goods Depot, Crosshall Street, Liverpool and later opened the Baycliff Family Health Care Centre, West Derby.

Finally His Royal Highness opened the Sue Gill Workplace Nursery, Knowsley Hey School, Seel Road, Huyton.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 19: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this evening attended a gala ball in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Nurses' Appeal at St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich, Norfolk and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's *Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk* (Mr Timothy Colman).

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Viscount Allenby, 62; Mr Alan Beith, MP, 50; Professor D.W. Bowett, QC, former president, Queens' College, Cambridge, 66; Mr Ray Brooks, actor, 54; Sir Geoffrey Chipperfield, civil servant, 60; the Right Rev F.C. Darwent, former Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 66; Major-General Sir Charles Dunphie, 91; the Earl of Erroll, 45; Professor Francis Fish, former dean, School of Pharmacy, London University, 69; Mr Graeme Fowler, cricketer, 36; Sir Arnold France, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 82; Mr John Eliot Gardiner, conductor, 50; Mr Mauricio Gugelmin, racing driver, 30; Sir Antony Jay, scriptwriter and producer, 63; Mr Eddie Kulukundis, theatrical producer, 61; Mr Nicholas Lyndhurst, actor, 32.

Mr Leslie Phillips, actor, 69; Sir Hilton Poynton, civil servant, 88; Sir John Quicke, agriculturist, 71; Mr R.D.W. Rhodes, headmaster, Rossall School, Lancashire, 51; Mr Christopher Robinson, organist, 57; Professor G.O. Sayles, modern historian, 92; Mr R.J. Smith, former chairman, Trimoco, 54; Miss Jean Southworth, QC, 67; Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford, 71; Mr Henry Wrong, former director, Barbican Centre, 63.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as patron, will visit the Royal Army Chaplains' department at Bagshot Park at 2.45.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the International Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will attend the Anglo Mauritian Association reception at the St James Court Hotel, Buckingham Gate, at 7.20.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the RNLI, will visit the headquarters at West Quay Road, Poole, at 12.55; and will open the Lytchett Minster and Upton Community Association's new community centre at Poole Road, Upton, at 2.35.

Memorial service

Lord Edmund-Davies
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of The Right Hon The Lord Edmund-Davies will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Thursday, May 27, at 5.00pm. Owing to the size of Gray's Inn Chapel, admission to the Chapel will be by ticket. Applications should be made in writing to the Administration Secretary, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, 8 South Square, London, WC1R 5EU, by Monday, May 10. The Service will also be relayed to Gray's Inn Hall for those without tickets.

ADRIAN BROOKS



No time to jest: Cheryl Gould from Harrow, west London, with Tiki Tybow, left, and Harry Hornbeam, two comic figures she submitted yesterday for possible showing in the Royal Academy summer exhibition. The show, which is the academy's annual open exhibition, is sponsored by Guinness. It opens on June 6 and runs to August 15. The sculpture will be judged later this week

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

Major General M.I.E. Scott to be Colonel Commandant The Scottish Division from April 6 in succession to Lieutenant General Sir Peter Graham.

General Sir John Wilsey to be Colonel Commandant The Royal Logistic Corps from April 5 in a new appointment.

Major General J D MacDonald to be Colonel Commandant The Royal Logistic Corps from April 5 in a new appointment.

Major General D.F.E. Botting to be Colonel Commandant The Royal Logistic Corps from April 5 in a new appointment.

Major General G.W. Field to be Colonel Commandant The Royal Logistic Corps from April 5 in a new appointment.

COLONEL: R J Lawson - to be DA/MA Buenos Aires, 24.4.93.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: P G Barry RA - to HQ ARRC, 19.4.93; M S J Filler AGC (ETS) - to be Comd ETS HQ BFHK, 23.4.93; J Johnston AGC (SPS) - to HQ AFNORTH (BAB), 19.4.93; R A E Legg KOSB - to be CO 2/52 LOWLAND (V), 20.4.93; N C D Lithgow BW to HQ UKLF, 20.4.93; H H McNinch REME - to be CO Cdo Log Regt RM, 23.4.93; J A Poole-Warren RGJ - to MOD, 19.4.93; M S Southworth RLC - to CO 154 FAD, 19.4.93; T O G Stoke RA - to BMATT Zimbabwe, 22.4.93; P R P Swanson PWRR - to be CO 8 QF, 20.4.93; L R J Tilson R Signals - to be OC RSDT 8 Sig Regt, 22.4.93; J R J Baxter RA - to Staff Coll, 19.4.93; N M Fairclough RE - to RMCS, 19.4.93; J P Coles RACD to 9 Dent Gp.

Retirements

BRIGADIER: R H Hardie Late RAMC.

COLONEL: H M Sandars Late QOH, 24.4.93: P J Worthington Late RE, 23.4.93.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: L G A Clarke RAMC.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: C F Cooper - to MOD, 19.4.93.

GROUP CAPTAIN: J R D Morley - to JHQ High Wycombe, 13.4.93; R J Whittingham - to RF(A)S Kalkar 19.4.93.

WING COMMANDER: J G Ross - to HQ RAFSC 13.4.93; E G N Acons - to HQ STC 13.4.93; S Edgar - to RAF Sealand 13.4.93; R H Spooner - to MOD AFD 16.4.93; I C Atkinson - to RAF St Mawgan 19.4.93; T J Kerss - to 54 SQN Coltishall 13.4.93; H A Whiteway - to HQSTC 13.4.93.

School news

The Cheltenham Ladies' College
The Summer Term starts today at The Cheltenham Ladies' College. Half Term is from Friday, May 28 (1.00pm) to Wednesday, June 2 inclusive. The Guild AGM will take place on Wednesday, May 12, at 6.30pm at Chelsea Physic Garden. The Bishop of Tewkesbury will conduct a Confirmation Service in Cheltenham College Chapel at 11.00am on Saturday, May 15. A Swimming Party will be held on Saturday, July 3, prior to the closure of the pool for rebuilding. Mrs Jemima Bristow will be retiring from her post as Deputy Principal Pastoral at the end of term. There will be a Summer Concert on July 9 and term ends on Saturday, July 10, after Leaving Prayers and Speech Day, when the guest speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, Principal of St Hilda's College, Oxford.

Culford School
The Summer Term begins today. Richard Pineo is Captain of Cricket. Open Day will be on Saturday, July 10, when the Term ends.

The Princess Helena College
Summer term begins today and ends on July 1. Kathryn Williamson is Head of School and Joanna Cooch her deputy. The Donovan Dowsett Design Technology Centre will be officially opened on May 20. The Confirmation Service, taken by the Bishop of Bedford, will be held in St Martin's Church on May 15. The Summer Concert is on May 22 and Sports Day on June 5. Speech Day, at which Clare Francis will be the Guest Speaker, and the Garden Party are on June 19. The Summer Ball is on June 26. On September 4, there will be a performance by Opera Box of *Don Giovanni*, in the Gertrude Jekyll Gardens.

Repton School
Summer Term at Repton School begins today. Commemoration and Speech Day will be on Saturday, May 29, at which the guest of honour will be Sir Claus Moser, KCB. At the Commemoration Service, the preacher will be the Right Rev Lord Coggan who will also dedicate a memorial to Archbishop Ramsey to join those to his other immediate predecessors at Canterbury, Archbishops Fisher and Temple.

Tonbridge School
Sir Colin Cowdrey, CBE, will preside at a reception this evening at Skinners' Hall, London, to launch the Tonbridge School Appeal. Information about the Appeal may be obtained from the Appeal Office at the school (Telephone: 0732 367274).

Wycliffe College
The Council of Governors of Wycliffe College is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr D.C.M. Prichard, the present Headmaster of Port Regis School, as Headmaster of Wycliffe College from January 1, 1994, in succession to Mr A.P. Millard who has been appointed Headmaster of Giggleswick School.

Institute of Marine Engineers

The following have been elected Fellows of The Institute of Marine Engineers and may use the designatory letters FIMarE:

H.J.G.J. Amtz; W.G. Beck; S. Chand; I.H. Colquhoun; O.A. Gotmalm; D.D. Harrington; T.A. Khan; R.N. Langman; N. Law; J.S. Lillie; Yuen Kong Loke; H.M. Morrison; J.A. Neville; Capt P.J. Organ, RN; J. Powell; A.S. Prince; J.C. Ritter; P. Short; Yue Mun Tham; P.J. Tumelty; B.G. Williams; M. Zare.

Dinners

Huntingdon Foundation
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the Guests of Honour at a dinner held on Sunday, April 18, 1993, at the Dorchester hotel given by the Huntingdon Foundation in aid of the Beth Jacob Primary School, Colindale. Mr Benjamin Perl, Chairman of the Huntingdon Foundation, presided and Mr Sidney Corob, CBE, and Mrs Corob were the hosts. Others present included:

Lord and Lady Jakobovits, the Right Hon Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, and Lady Boyson, Mr and Mrs Clive Marks, Mr John Marshall, MP, and Mrs Marshall, Mr and Mrs Z. Noe, Mr and Mrs B. Schmidt-Bodner, Mr S. Sebba, Mr and Mrs J. Stimler, Mr and Mrs L Tannen, and Mr and Mrs O.Tager.

Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual livery dinner of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators held last night at Butchers' Hall. Mr Eric Kirk, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. The Lord Mayor, the Senior Warden and Sir Archibald Forster also spoke.

Athenaeum
Professor John Gunn was the speaker at a dinner discussion held last night at the Athenaeum. Professor Robert Cawley presided.

Mr Hugh Dykes, MP
On Monday, April 19, 1993, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, held a Dinner at the Beefsteak Club. The guests were:

Mr John Barber, Mr Tom Seidenstein, Mr Eric Bettelheim, Lord Donoughue, Mr Anthony Forbes, Mr Michael Lawrence, Ms Ruth Lea, Sir Alastair Morton, Mr Rodney Payne, Sir Peter Petrie, Ms Donna Redel, Mr Felix Robyns, Mr Richard Sandor, Mr Paul Smee, Ambassador Ed Streator, Mr Peter Viggers, MP, Mr Les Ward.

Luncheons

British Museum
The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, Secretary of State for National Heritage, presented the British Museum with the Corbridge Lanx after a luncheon held yesterday at the museum. The Hon Mrs Marten, a trustee, was host. Among those present were:

The Duke of Northumberland, Lord Windlesham, Lord Egremont, Lady Victoria Cuthbert, Sir Matthew Farrer, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Miss Georgina Nayler and Miss Elizabeth Foy.

Institute of Energy
Mr Neil Clarke, Chairman of British Coal, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual luncheon of the Institute of Energy held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Mr Michael Roberts, president, was in the chair.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host yesterday at a reception held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

Corporation of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a reception given by the Corporation of London last night at Guildhall to mark the Museum of London's International Symposium and the inauguration of an International Association of City Museums.

University news

Glasgow
Dr Neil Garrod, Royal Insurance Professor of Finance and Accounting at the University of Wales, Bangor, has been appointed to the Chair of Accountancy.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.M. Bladon and Miss R.F.G. Drury
The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Bladon, of Canons Close, Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Drury, of Kitebrook Farmhouse, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Professor C.J. Dellheim and Miss L.D. Gross
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Walter Dellheim, of Roslyn, New York, and Laura, eldest daughter of the late Mr Robert Gross and of Mrs Marilyn Gross, of Chelsea, London. The marriage will take place in New York later this summer.

Mr A.A.W. Hodge and Miss S.J. Cossham
The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hodge, of Barnsley, near Cirencester, and Sarah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Cossham, of North Wick, near Bristol.

Mr P.E. Howard and Ms A.E. Pinks
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.R. Howard, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.G. Pinks, of Boughton, Northamptonshire.

Mr G.F.N. Martin and Miss C.A.R. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Guy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Martin, of Verteillac, Dordogne, France, and Clare, second daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs Esyr Lewis, of Gray's Inn, London.

Mr C.W.K. Nevile and Miss C.B. Lee-Potter
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Nevile, of Morton, Lincolnshire, and Charlie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Jeremy Lee-Potter, of Stoborough, Dorset.

Mr R.W. Rainbow and Miss A.J. Ewart
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Rainbow, of Hexham, Northumberland, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr David Ewart, of Potterne, Wiltshire, and Mrs Sally Ewart, of London, SW5.

Mr R.A.J. Stovold and Miss C.V. Spackman
The engagement is announced between Angus, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Stovold, of Cross Farm, Shackleford, and Catriona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Spackman, of Hydestile, Godalming.

Marriages

Mr R. Edmonds and Miss J. Thomas
The marriage took place quietly on Saturday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, of Mr Robert Edmonds to Miss Maureen Thomas. The Rev Roger Holloway officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Stuart Holmes, was attended by Miss Pamela Carrington. Mr Nigel Harris was best man.

Mr A.R.O. Bramley and Miss J.M. Berry
The marriage took place in London recently between Mr Robin Bramley and Miss Joanne Berry.

Sheriff J.L.M. Mitchell and Mrs J.A. Flitter
The marriage took place in Edinburgh on April 16, 1993, between Martin Mitchell and Jane Flitter.

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No longer do I call you servant, for a servant does not know what his master is about. I have called you friends, because I have disclosed to you everything that I heard from my Father.
St. John 15 : 15

BIRTHS

BLACK - On April 15th 1993, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Denise (née Myers) and Ian, a daughter, Olivia Alice Fleur, a sister for Amelia and Felix.

BLACK - On April 10th, to Rebecca (née White) and Andrew, a son, Max.

BRIGGS - On April 15th, to Gaby and David, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, a sister for Thomas.

COLLIS - On 9th April, to Geoff and Judith, a son, Elliott Byron George.

CORBY - On April 13th, to Rosalie Polan and Mike, a daughter, sister for Emma, now at Wiggonholt.

DOWNES - On April 19th, to Katherine (née Vickers) and Ian, a son, Daniel Robert Edward.

GROSE-HODGE - On April 17th 1993 at the St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Anne, a daughter, Ellen Mary.

HAVEY - On April 17th, to Antonia (née Sharpe) and Peter, a son, Benedict Sunil.

HOOK - On 18th April to Sarah (née Jennings) and Tony, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth April, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn.

HUGGINS - On April 14th 1993, to Annette (née Little) and Nigel, a daughter, Amanda Naomi.

IRWIN - On April 16th at home, to Johanna (nee Kerly) and Andrew, a daughter, Jennifer, a sister for Jessica and Amanda. "I have called you by name and you are my own".

JACKSON - On April 3rd, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Sarah (née Evans) and Robin, a beloved son, Oliver Robin.

MacDONALD - On April 17th at The Matilda Hong Kong, to Fi and Angus, a daughter, Louisa Anstace Rose, a sister for Jamie and Freddie.

MARTIN - On April 14th, to Nicky (née Tulton) and William, a son, Charles William George.

MORRIS-MARSHAM - On April 17th, to Susie and James, a daughter, Jessica Rose.

PEMBERTON - On April 19th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Tessa (nee Homfray) and David, a daughter, Lara, a sister for Oliver and Amelia.

SHARPE - See Havey.

SORIA - On April 17th 1993, to Frances (née Hayter) and Graham, a daughter, Jennifer Helen Gytha.

BIRTHS

STIRLING - On 8th April, to Olivia and Johnny, a son, Hugh David Archibald.

TILBROOK - On 14th April, to Claire (née Breed) and Robin, a son, Oliver William.

VICKERS - On 16th April, to Philly (née Mather) and Chris, twin daughters, Katie and Sarah.

WATERWORTH - On April 15th, to Nicola (née Rothwell) and Andrew, a son, Joshua William Rainshaw and a daughter, Matilda Alice.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On April 17th peacefully at Oakville Park Nursing Home, Harrogate, after a long illness, Helen Margaret (née Sharp) aged 89 years, who enjoyed working as a cutter in the Old Vic wardrobe from 1933 to 1939. Dear sister of Katharine Cornford and aunt of Ann. Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, on Thursday 29th April at 12 noon, followed be cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to R.N.L.I. Glasshouses, Harrogate, HG3 5OH.

ANNETT - On 15th April, suddenly at his home in Cirencester, Glos., Victor who will be sadly missed by his family and many friends and also former colleagues of the Bank of England. Funeral Service at the Parish Church, Cirencester, 10.45 am on Thursday 22nd April 1993. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Packer & Slade, Funeral Directors, 1 City Bank Road, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1LG. (0285) 653525.

BETTE-BENNETT - Rufus on 18th April in Baltimore, USA. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Memorial Service in England, details to be announced.

BOMPAS - Peacefully at his home in Whitehaven, Cumbria, on Saturday April 17th 1993, Richard Mason Bompas M.B.E. aged 85 years (Administrator and Founder of the West Cumberland Hospital 1949-1976). Dearly loved husband of Marion. Funeral service and cremation to be held at Distington Hall Crematorium on Wednesday April 21st at 11am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to West Cumbria Hospice at Home, c/o W Eaves Funeral Director, 175 High Road, Kells, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

DEATHS

BRADSTOCK - Basil Ninian Saumarez aged 82 of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, peacefully at home on 17th April. Committal to be held 9.15 am 23rd April at St Augustine's, Broxbourne.

BRISTOW - On 18th April 1993 peacefully at home, in her 65th year, and after enduring a long and debilitating illness with humour, courage and dignity. Jill Matthews Bristow (née Duncan), adored and cherished wife of Roddy, and loving and much loved mother of Anthony and Sarah. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's Church, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire at 11 45 am on Thursday 22nd April to which all who knew and loved her are invited. Private Cremation later. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, may be made either to the Leicestershire Organisation for the Relief of Suffering (L.O.R.O.S.) or to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o the Funeral Directors, G Seller & Co. Ltd., 75 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1RH, telephone (0455) 637457, to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

BURLES - Robert Spencer (Peter). On 15th April, suddenly but peacefully at his Aberdovey home. Darling husband of Peggy, adored father of Celia, Alan, Michael and David and wonderful grandfather and father-in-law. He will be greatly missed. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Aberdovey, Wales, on Friday 23rd April at 2.30pm. Memorial Service at Church of St Peter and St Paul, Lingfield, Surrey, on Thursday 29th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Sightsavers, PO Box 191, Haywards Heath, RH16 4YF.

BURNETT - Monica Duncan, of Kensington, W8, peacefully on 16th April, aged 92. Funeral at the Carmelite Church, Kensington, on Tuesday 27th April at 2 pm, followed by burial at Kensal Green. Funeral Directors J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington W8 6LA.

DEATHS

COLLETT - On 17th April 1993, at Blythburgh Hospital, 'Harry' Burke Collett, of Orford, Suffolk. Much loved husband of Cicely and stepfather of Patrick Morreau, Mary Sheridan and Rosalind Haydock-Wilson. Funeral 3pm 28th April, St Bartholomew's Church, Orford. No flowers please but donations for famine relief in the Sudan to Concern Worldwide c/o P Morreau, 40 Church Crescent, London N10 3NE.

COYLE - Dr. Cecil Dermot, much loved husband of the late Madge, peacefully at home on 19th April in his 99th year. Greatly missed by his children and grandchildren. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be announced later.

CROWE - On 15th April at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Sibyl Eyre, Fellow Emeritus of St Hilda's College, Oxford. Youngest daughter of the late Sir Eyre and Lady Crowe. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium 11.15 am, 26th April. She will be long remembered.

CSÁKY - See Frink.

CURRIE - Gwendoline Isobel on 17th April at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, wife of the late Alan Currie and dear mother of the late Victoria and William, grandmother of Andrew, Rachel, Beth and Helen. Funeral at Church of St Alban, Highgate, Birmingham, on Monday 26th April at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research.

DONALDSON - Stanley George (Don) of the Racehorse Spelling Station, Pahang, Malaysia. Tragically in a road traffic accident on April 18th. UK contact (0252) 310637.

EDWARDS - Alan Mervyn, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, on 15th April 1993 peacefully at the Middlesex Hospital, Westminster. Dearly loved by all his family and close friends. His strength remains within us. Private family service.

EYL - Henri. On April 17th 1993, aged 80, at home in Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA, after 6 months illness. Deeply mourned by his wife Dorothy, children Peter and Bettina, brother Edward, cousin Betty, their spouses and children.

DEATHS

FEELEY - On April 16th, peacefully in hospital, Edna, aged 65 years, of Gosforth, Northumberland, beloved wife of William and cherished mother of Fiona. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St George, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Thursday April 22nd at 2 45 pm followed by cremation at Newcastle Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations may be sent to The British Heart Foundation.

FITZSIMON - On April 16th 1993, James Henry Lt Col. Royal Hampshire Regiment (Ret'd) aged 73. Dearly loved by his wife Mary, daughter Elizabeth, sons William and Tim, sister Elizabeth and his grandchildren. Funeral at Llanpumpsaint Church on Wednesday April 21st at 11am. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Llanpumpsaint Church

FOURCAUD - On Friday March 5th 1993, suddenly, Sheila Rochfort (Served with the Free French 1940-45), beloved wife of Colonel Pierre Fourcaud Grand Officer of the Legion D'Honeur, Companion de la Liberation, OBE, DSO. Cremation has taken place in Paris. Ashes interred at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth

FRESSON - Noel Holroyde Air Commodore D.F.C. R.A.F. (retd). On Saturday April 17th, peacefully in hospital. Dearly loved husband of 52 years of Barbara and devoted father and grandfather. Funeral on Friday 23rd April at 3 pm at Marystow. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund

FRINK - At home on Sunday, 18th April, Dame Elisabeth, CH, DBE, RA Wife of the late Alexander Csáky, and beloved mother of Lin Jammet and of his wife Valerie, and grandmother of Tully; much loved daughter of Jean Frink and sister of Timothy. Cremation and Service of Thanksgiving private. Family flowers only but donations if wished for Marie Curie Nurses can be sent to Peter Jackson Funeral Director, High Street, Henstridge, Somerset BA8 0RB. A Memorial Service to be announced later.

DEATHS

GOLBERG - Joan. Much loved mother of Daniel, Joseph and Judith, mother-in-law of Bernice and grandmother of Adam, Helen, Paul, Marion and Luke, on April 14th 1993 suddenly at home. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium, North Watford, Thursday 22nd April at 1.30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fragile X Society, 53 Winchelsea Lane, Hastings, East Sussex TN35 4LG.

HIGGINS - On April 18th peacefully at home, Reynold aged 76, loved and loving husband of Pat, beloved father of Jenny, Michael, Nick, Thomas, Kale and dear Babar of Lucy, Lawrence, Ester, Zoe, Alice, Rosie and Frederic. Private cremation, family flowers only. A Memorial Service at St Mary's, Dunsfold, on May 22nd. Donations to The Macmillan Service, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 0BL, in gratitude for all their support.

HOLGATE - Philip, Professor of Statistics at Birkbeck College London, suddenly on 13th April 1993. Private service and cremation.

HUNTER - On Sunday 18th April, Betty Louise (née Riley), suddenly but peacefully. Wife of the late Dr. Colin Hunter, very sadly missed mother, grandmother and friend. Funeral and cremation at Weston Mill Crematorium, Plymouth, 11.30 am Thursday 22nd April. Family flowers only, donations to King George's Fund for Sailors.

LOCKETT - On April 16th 1993, Gerald Derek Lockett M.B.E. of Swettenham Heath, Cheshire, aged 83. Funeral Service at Macclesfield Crematorium on Friday April 23rd at 3pm. Family and close friends. Family flowers. Donations to the Claire Croiza Prize. Cheques payable to the R.N.C.M Awards Fund, The Bursar, R.N.C.M., 124 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RD

MARCHINGTON - On April 13th, tragically in an avalanche, Olivia Catalina, adored youngest child of Myles and Daphne; much loved sister and sister-in-law of Zena, Rupert and Jocelyn (never forgetting Fraser); fun-loving aunt to Georgia (also Godmother) and Fergus. The light of all our lives. Funeral Service at St Andrew, Leighterton, on Friday April 23rd at 2.30pm, burial immediately thereafter at St Arild; Oldbury-on-the-hill, Didmarton. Any enquiries to Maslins (0793) 848700.

DEATHS

MASTERTON - On 17th April, Jack, in his 94th year. Beloved husband of Gladys, dear father of John, Paul and Susan and much loved grandfather of Charlotte, Hugo, Benedict and Francesca Turquet. Funeral Service in St Philip's Church, Dorridge, on Monday 26th April at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund, Lynwood, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berkshire

MESSERVY - On Friday 16th April 1993, peacefully at home, La Boulangerie, La Ville A L'eveque, Trinity, Jersey, C.I., May Le Brun (Billie) née Luce, aged 84 years, Widow of Prof. Albert Messervy, beloved mother of Antony, Michael and Rosemary. Funeral service private, no flowers please, donations if wished may be sent to R S.P.B. The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL or Jersey Family Nursing Services, Honorary Treasurer Mr R.H. Henkhuzens, Le Bas Centre, St Saviour's Road, St Helier, JE2 4LA.

MOGIL - On April 17th, Leon, suddenly but peacefully at home in Salzburg. Goldie, Mary, Jeremy and Naomi.

ORMEROD - On 18th April, John Thomas Hopper (Giles), Brother of the Community of the Resurrection, in the 91st year of his age and the 48th year of his profession. R.I.P. Solemn Requiem and Burial at the House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, on April 27th at 11 30 am.

POMEROY - On 17th April 1993, after a short illness, Lucy Margaret Pomeroy, aged 77. Widow of Brian and beloved mother of Tom, Simon and Louise. Funeral private. No flowers. Service of Thanksgiving in due course.

PRICE - On 18th April 1993, Agnes Robina (Ena) aged 90 years. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Steyning, Sussex, on Monday 26th April at 2.45 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to C.M.S. c/o Chalcraft Ltd., High Street, Steyning, BN44 3RE.

PURANIK - Arvind (Structural Consultant, Tonbridge Kent) died suddenly April 13th 1993. Immeasurable loss to wife Carole and daughter Suneela. Enquiries to Abbey Funeral Services, Tonbridge, Kent (0732) 360328.

DEATHS

RHODES - Colin Walter, suddenly in Salisbury on 17th April, aged 67. Formerly Head of Instrumentation and Trials Department, R.A.E. Farnborough. Dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Anne and Ian. Funeral private, no flowers, donations if desired to The Stroke Association.

ROGERS - On April 14th 1993, peacefully at home, Francis Barry Day, aged 70, of Rotherfield, East Sussex. Beloved husband of Jeanne, father of Robert and Jane, grandfather of Catherine and Eleanor. Funeral took place privately on April 19th.

SHAW - Amy Molly Carpenter. May 31st 1903 - April 17th 1993, peacefully at Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, beloved sister of Tony and the late Murray Shaw, much respected teacher and Head Mistress at Mitcham Charles Edward Brooke School, Camberwell, Coloma Convent, G.S. Croydon and St Roses, Stroud. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Annunciation, Woodchester, Stroud, Glos. on Thursday April 22nd at 12 noon. Tributes and enquiries to (0453) 832188

SIBLY - On Friday April 16th 1993, peacefully in her 96th year. Dorothy M. Sibly, widow of Captain T.M. Sibly of Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, Glos Funeral Service in Wycliffe College Chapel on Friday April 23rd at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Gloucester. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Help the Aged c/o Fred Stevens Funeral Directors, Newmarket Road, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, GL6 0DQ

STUDDERT-KENNEDY (née Bowkley) - On 15th April at the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Ann, late of North Woodchester, Stroud, Glos. Sadly missed by her sons Nigel, Peter, Roger and their families and her sister Vivien. Private cremation. A memorial service will be held on Friday 14th May at Woodchester Parish Church at 2.30 pm. Donations may be sent for the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud

DEATHS

YOUNG - Barbara Jean JP FR Pharm. S (née Wright), on 15th April at Westbury on Trym, Bristol. Funeral at Cranford Crematorium, Bristol, at 2.20 pm on Thursday 22nd April. Family flowers only please. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research c/o R Davies and Son Funeral Directors, 381 Gloucester Road, Bristol. A Memorial Service will be held in May.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

RAHVIS - Raemonde. Funeral Tuesday 27th April at 11am West London Crematorium, Kensal Green Cemetery, Harrow Road, W10. Flowers to Kenyons, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KING-MARTIN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Johnny King-Martin will be held at St Luke's Church ("Piffer"), Sidney Street, Chelsea, at 12 noon on Thursday April 29th 1993

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

TOPSFIELD - Leslie. On his 50th wedding anniversary with love from Valerie, David, Andrew, Helen, Sophie and Charlotte.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities - Levy Family Charitable Trusts:
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OBITUARIES

DAME ELISABETH FRINK

Dame Elisabeth Frink, CH, DBE, sculptor, died at Woolland, Dorset, on April 18 aged 62 after a struggle against cancer. She was born on November 14, 1930.

ELISABETH Frink maintained an unusually independent career for a 20th-century sculptor. Avoiding the art world's promotional boosts of personality-cult and brand-image (the British Council, for instance, took little interest in her), she won a reputation in three quite distinct areas, each with its distinct audience. Her three essential themes were the nature of Man; the "horseness" of horses; and the divine in human form.

Elisabeth Jean Frink was born at Thurlow, Suffolk, the daughter of Brigadier Ralph Frink, DSO — as he was to become. The family was of Dutch and German descent, with Huguenots on both sides of the family (on her father's side, those who had sought refuge in Canada in the 17th century). Her father was a polo player, who at one point was attached to an Indian regiment as riding instructor. In Trieste in 1946 he had charge of the hundreds of horses "liberated" throughout Europe at the end of the war. Horses were around Frink most of her life, and she was riding from the age of four. An uncle was an accomplished carver of birds and figures and she drew regularly from the age of 12, when she took extra art lessons at her school, the Convent of the Holy Family, in Exmouth.

Growing up during the war left deep impressions on a nature like hers. Her father had served in the British Expeditionary Force and was evacuated at Dunkirk. The family lived near an airfield in Suffolk and she experienced some of the dramas of war. Sometimes she saw bomber aircraft burst into flames as they returned, badly damaged, from their raids. The twisted debris of crashes was a familiar sight to her. On one occasion she had to dive for shelter when a German fighter flew over, firing its cannon and machine guns. As for so many others, the end of hostilities, though welcome, brought further horrors with the revelations from Belsen and the other Nazi death camps.

The experience of growing up under these stresses shaped Frink's early work. She was a student at Guildford School of Art from 1947 to 1949, and Chelsea School of Art from 1949 to 1953. When she was encouraged to show her work to Bryan Robertson at Heffer's Gallery in Cambridge in 1949, two themes were already evident: naked men on powerful horses, and predatory, menacing birds — crows, hawks and eagles. She said that her birds were "vehicles for strong feelings of panic, tension, aggression and predatoriness"; but created to express "birdness" rather than as symbols. However, as a student at Chelsea, her work already matched that of the sculptors of "postwar Angst," Meadows, Butler, Chadwick, and the Henry Moore of the helmeted figures. Frink's prize entry for the "Unknown Political Prisoner" international competition in 1952 brought her to the attention of other sculptors such as McWilliams and Armitage; and the theme helped to set the direction for her future images of man.

The Tate Gallery had already bought in 1953 her *Bird* of 1952, which was exhibited at the Beaux Arts Gallery in London. Her first one-person show was at St George's Gallery in 1955. The birds led on to figures of "birdmen" commissioned by the LCC in 1958 and Sedgehill School, Lewisham, in 1961. These, in turn, led on to the aerial Christ figures of later religious commissions. (She carefully chose commissions which extended her imagery.)



Dame Elisabeth Frink working in her studio at Woolland on the bust of Sir Alec Guinness

Frink taught at Chelsea School of Art, 1954-61, and at St Martin's, 1956-62. It was during the period 1967-73, when she lived in France, in the Cevennes (discovered by chance to be only eight kilometres from her mother's ancestral Huguenot home), that the troubles in French North Africa, with the Algerian war and the Moroccan torture-chambers, focused Frink's work on her most outstanding contribution to the imagery of the times. Her "goggle heads" are akin to the sun-visored motorcyclist messengers of death in Cocteau's film *Orphée*. They also relate to the sunglassed torturers of North Africa as seen in press photos. The power of these images lies in their ambivalence: bull-necked, hair cropped, thin-lipped, eyes shaded, hiding moral weakness under a show of physical strength.

After their first admiration critics tended to see a certain sameness and repetition in these figures. But this reaction overlooked the subtle variations of emphasis with which Frink imbued them. Some are merely unthinking thugs, but in others, a conscience seems to be stirring. There is a sense of brutalisation as a process not incapable of redemption. These studies provided a fruitful vehicle for Frink for some years, although they did not always gain from being shown together, as in the Royal Academy retrospective of her work in 1985. There was a curious resemblance to the head of the actor Alec Guinness as he appeared when playing his most ambivalent roles. It was a similarity which Frink found distinctly inconvenient when she was commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery to sculpt the actor's head in 1983.

She explained that the powerful effect of these sculpures came from her own twofold vision of man and mankind: she admired the male figure and maleness, but felt: "we are becoming brutalised". But she maintained an optimistic view of mankind which was supported by her Christian upbringing.

After 1975 Frink's view of stoical, passive resistance to violence found form in a transition of these thugs to equally brutalised, vulnerable victims and martyrs for their beliefs, in several sculptures arising from her interest in Amnesty International's work for prisoners of conscience. The busts developed into full male figures. (Frink seldom made female figures, the first exceptions being her *Walking Madonna* of 1981 for Salisbury Cathedral, and her self-portrait of 1987.) Critics commented on some facial similarities between the sculptress and her male figures, but she denied any androgynous feelings. Her male figures are often — again ambivalently — either running or running away. Totally relaxed figures were rare — *Man* of 1970 and *Seated Man* of 1983 being notable exceptions.

Around 1988 Frink, who had previously hated using colour, was inspired by the discovery of some early Greek sculptures of unusual appearance, the "Riace Warriors," to adopt a more stylised, wide-eyed face for her male figures, which she combined surprisingly with a roughened surface, more vigorous movement, and the use of colour, producing an "expressionist" effect which some commentators associated with German art.

Less well-known, but assured of continuous attention and a future audience, are Frink's religious commissions. These are strikingly original contributions to church and public art, beginning with the *Eagle Lectern* of 1962 for Coventry Cathedral, progressing through *Risen Christ* at Solihull and her *Crucifixion* in Belfast to her bronze *Christ* unveiled at Liverpool Cathedral only this month. She specialised memorably in presenting an airborne rather than an earthbound Christ.

Frink also made more than a score of portrait sculptures; and she illustrated Chaucer and Greek myth for books. Her favoured medium for sculpture was plaster — following Giacometti and Germaine Richier, two early artistic admirations of Frink, along with Rodin. She preferred it for its convenience in quick modelling, which could then be finished off by carving. From the mid-1980s, however, she also tried some direct carving from stone.

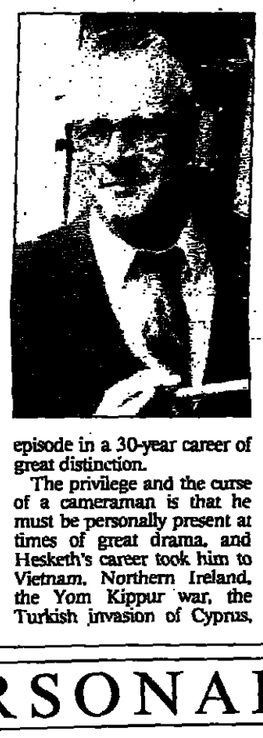
Despite her creative work, she found time also for public service. She served as a trustee of the British Museum from 1975 to 1989, and was a valued member of the Royal Fine Art Commission from 1976 to 1981. In the 1980s there was a move to elect her as the first woman president of the Royal Academy. But she did not support this, on the ground that it would take too much time from her work as a sculptor.

Elisabeth Frink was appointed a CBE in 1969 and created DBE in 1982.

In 1992 she was appointed a Companion of Honour. She married Michel Jammet in 1955. They had a son, the painter Lin Jammet, who survives her. The marriage was dissolved in 1963 and in the following year she married Edward Pool, MC. This marriage was dissolved in 1974 and in the same year she married Alexander Csáky. He died earlier this year.

BERNARD HESKETH

Bernard Hesketh, LVO, MBE, the pre-eminent BBC cameraman of his generation, died on April 16 aged 66. He was born on August 19, 1926.



ANONYMITY has always cloaked the cameraman's profession. But, for Bernard Hesketh, it dropped away in the Falklands when the pictures he took edged the defining images of the war: the survivors of the *Sir Galahad* rowing ashore from a flaming ship; HMS *Sheffield* drifting, burnt-out and abandoned on a still sea; the bemused prisoners of war after the battle of Goose Green; the tired triumphalism of the march into Port Stanley.

Nothing equally captured the way in which anguish and victory were intertwined. His was the work of a master professional and a demonstration of the potency of news film. But, although it attracted the greatest attention, the Falklands war was but one episode in a 30-year career of great distinction.

The privilege and the curse of a cameraman is that he must be personally present at times of great drama, and Hesketh's career took him to Vietnam, Northern Ireland, the Yom Kippur war, the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, the return of the Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran and the Brighton bombing when Norman Tebbit and his wife were excavated from the rubble. A great deal of modern history was meticulously chronicled by him.

Those who occasionally complained that his war coverage was not up to Hollywood standards forgot that he was often operating under the most difficult of conditions and sometimes at great personal risk. At different times he was baton charged by Ethiopian police, imprisoned in the Lebanon and had his glasses swept away by molten lava from an Icelandic volcano.

But repeatedly he got where he wanted and took the pictures the world wished to see — using whatever combination of charm and ruthlessness was needed to remove policemen, bureaucrats and sometimes his own colleagues and rivals who threatened to thwart him.

He was a Roman Catholic who took strong moral beliefs to his work, and a conviction that what he did was important and necessary. He served in the second world war and was one of the few in the Falklands task force who had ever seen active military service.

After a postwar spell working for Pathé News, he joined BBC television news when it first started in 1954. In those days cameramen operated largely alone without the phalanx of reporters, producers and technical assistants now considered necessary. They set the standards with their lenses and defined the new craft of television journalism as it developed over its first decade. Thereafter Hesketh demanded equally high standards of those who worked with him.

Information was all-important: voyeurism was taboo. Reporters and managers who failed to measure up to his standards were rebuked. He was a formidable figure for any young reporter to work with, and his advice and guidance was listened to with respect well beyond his official retirement.

A great swathe of his professional life was spent covering the royal family. He was twice decorated by the Queen. In 1967, after a decade as the royal rota cameraman, he was made an MVO (fourth class), now known as LVO. On his retirement he was appointed an MBE. In 1982 his Falklands coverage made him television cameraman of the year. In 1985 he won the Royal Television Society's judges' award. Later he himself was asked to bring his perceptive eye to the society's panel of judges.

His colleagues always found him friendly and fair-minded. He only demanded what he would do himself. During the Falklands war, when he was already 55, he "yomped" uncomplainingly with men 35 years his junior, and carried the heavy delicate piece of electronic equipment with him. His was the only video camera to finish the war still working. That was because he took it into his sleeping-bag at night to protect it from the cold and damp.

Sometimes he would run risks to get a story but never mindlessly, and he would try to shield his colleagues from unnecessary danger. His only complaint was when others took the risks instead of him. "You can't take the pictures," he would grumble. His was a job where a balance between professionalism and humanity was never easy. When he filmed the survivors of the *Sir Galahad*, he was never tempted to put down the camera and help. There were many others, he explained, far better equipped than he was to manage the rescue. He was the only person capable of recording what was happening.

But, for Hesketh, recording tragedy was never just another job. In 1985, during the Columbian earthquake, he found and filmed a young girl trapped in water. The rescuers could not get her out. He stayed with her until she died, and then burst into tears.

UNA DILLON

Una Joseph Dillon, CBE, founder of Dillon's bookshops, died on April 4 aged 90. She was born on January 3, 1903.

WALKING along Store Street, off Tottenham Court Road, one day in 1936, Una Dillon saw a bookshop which looked as if it were about to go bankrupt. She went in and talked to the owner, asking him if he would like to sell the shop to her. He said he would for £800. Borrowing £600 from her father and the balance from a friend, she bought the shop.

She knew next to nothing about bookselling, but the shop prospered. Customers returned again and again to its small rooms crammed from floor to ceiling with general and academic books. Dillon catered for the local colleges and institutes and ran bookstalls in various colleges, particularly the University of London, whose main administrative centre was at Senate House near by.

With the outbreak of the second world war, the University of London moved premises and the Senate House was occupied by the Ministry of Information. Dillon adapted her stock to cater for their needs. Her old customers were now scattered through Britain, and she took books to them in Cardiff and Leicester and to the Froebel Training College which had moved out to Knebworth House in Hertfordshire.

During the 1950s the University of London acquired parts of the Bedford Estate. Included in this purchase was a row of shops in Torrington Place close to Gower Street. The university was keen to find a bookseller to take part of the row and provide the university with a book service.

The then principal of the university, Sir Douglas Logan, who was a customer of the Store Street shop, approached Dillon. The outcome was that she provided the good will and her stock from Store Street and a joint venture was formed: Dillon's University Bookshop Ltd.

The university had just received a small general bequest and an insurance payment for a workman who had been killed working within the university and who had no dependent relatives. This sum of £11,000 was used to provide capital for the new venture. Only two of the shops near to Malet Street were used in the first year, but by 1957 a third shop had been added, and almost year by year more space was found. By the time Dillon retired in 1967 more than half the block was bookshop and turnover had passed the £1 million mark.

Dillon had great powers of organisation and the capacity to inspire and encourage enthusiasm in others. Her selling philosophy was based on the importance of personal service.

She was also a highly cultured woman who liked what she was selling. Art and music were great loves — for many years she was the organist at St James's, Spanish Place — and she travelled widely.

She owed much to her father, a modern man who believed in education and opportunities for women. His inspiration provided her with the necessary toughness which underlay her apparently gentle nature and which allowed her to succeed in what was still very much a man's world of bookselling.

The University of London gave her an honorary MA in 1965. After her retirement in 1967 she continued on the board until the university sold Dillon's to Pentos Ltd in 1977. The Dillon's chain now consists of 117 shops and has a turnover of £145 million.

Even after retirement, Una Dillon continued to work for booksellers. She had always been a strong supporter of the traditions of the trade, fighting for the retention of the Net Book Agreement and being one of the founders of the Charter Group of the Booksellers Association. She also helped the British Council, particularly with their low priced book scheme for British books overseas.



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THE DALAI LAMA'S LONG MARCH FROM LHASA

From Our Special Correspondent

... The Dalai Lama was bareheaded: he wore spectacles, robes, and ordinary shoes. With him were his 57-year-old mother (looking far younger than her years), his sister, and his young brother Nagri Rimpoche, a felt-hatted and alert 14-year-old; his senior and junior tutors, three Cabinet Ministers, the Lord Chamberlain, the Master of Ceremonies, the Master of the Robes, and the Master of Tea; representatives of the Great Sera and Drebung monasteries, an oracle, and various other officials and servants. At the foothills camp, against the back-drop of high mist-shrouded mountains, the swagger and the good looks of those attendants briefly recreated the atmosphere of imagined Tibet. Turquoise pendant earrings hung agitated from beneath felt hats, brooches glowed beneath woollen robes, and silver sword-scabbards protruded jauntily from voluminous folds of blue and grey. In all the party numbered 90.

After pausing an hour for breakfast, the party drove to Tezpur. The Dalai Lama's limousine flew the Indian flag and his personal standard: three Tibetan snow lions rampant below a rising sun, hand-drawn and coloured in crayon.

An eye-witness account of the flight from Lhasa was given here to-day by a member of the party who for the past 32 days had accompanied the Dalai Lama on his journey to freedom.

On March 17 it was decided by the National Assembly and the Kashag (Cabinet) that the Dalai Lama should leave Lhasa immediately. Plans for such an eventuality had been made some weeks before ...

On the night of March 17 the Dalai Lama left the summer palace, wearing the robe of a poor lama and accompanied by servants: in the words of one of those who accompanied him, "he just left the palace as if he were taking a normal walk"; nobody interfered or tried to stop him.

Next morning the small party crossed the Brahmaputra "in broad daylight," using inflated yak skins drawn across the river by hand. The crossing was uneventful, and on the other side fresh horses awaited the party, who took to the saddle as soon as they were clear of Lhasa. At first the Dalai Lama's mother was carried but, when it seemed that this slow progress might endanger the party, she gamely rode with the rest.

So sudden had been their escape that advance warning could not be given to the villages and forts through which the party travelled, but messages for fresh horses were sent ahead by the highly efficient Tibetan "arrow service"—a system under which horses and runners can be requisitioned whenever required, so that important messages under the Dalai Lama's seal are delayed only for so long as it takes messengers to change horses or to hand over the package in which the messages are contained.

After two days' travel, the party was met by a Khamba escort, which conducted it to the Indian frontier ...

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Breaking stride: the race proves thirsty work for one of thousands of club runners. Photograph: Simon Walker

Marathon field to rise in 1994

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE entries for the 1994 NutraSweet London Marathon will be increased by 1,300 from this year's total of 35,700, but the location of the finish for next year's race has yet to be decided because of the need to find an alternative venue to Westminster Bridge, which is to be closed.

Chris Brasher, the chairman of the London Marathon board, was understandably happy, if not complacent, yesterday with this year's race, which boosted its popularity after a dip in support last year, and, after the chaos of the Grand National, showed that Britain can still stage a important international sporting event with efficiency and colour.

The finishers on Sunday, who ranged from Eamonn Martin, the first man home in 2hr 10min 50sec, through thousands of elite competitors, aspiring internationals, club runners, joggers and keep-fit enthusiasts to Tina Linda Durrell, from East Croydon, who was the last person home in 8hr 54min 26sec, totalled 24,604.

Since the organisers can cope with 26,000 finishers, Brasher said that 37,000 people can be accepted in 1994. About 10,000 people do not start the event every year because of illness, injury or because they have had seconds thoughts about their chances of completing the course.

Since Westminster Bridge has to be closed for two years to complete repairs, a new finish has to be found, and already the organisers have had discussions with the Department of National Heritage about using the Royal Parks. Horse Guards Parade has been turned down because of the security risk to Downing Street, but there is a possibility of using The Mall, which already forms part of the course.

This year's event restored the prestige of the race. Brasher said: "One of the risks that we took in having the World Cup incorporated in the 1991 race was that there would be an anti-climax just for the following year.

"However, there is not a shadow of doubt that the race does need a British interest at the sharp end, and all credit to Liz McColgan for her Scottish honesty in stirring it up. She got people sitting down in front of their televisions or standing on the streets."

With an estimated one million people watching the race in the capital's streets, a new four-year television contract with the BBC, an estimated £6 million raised by runners for charity and a vast number of happily-fulfilled competitors, the race remains perhaps the most attractive annual sports event held in London.

Weary Martin keeps mind on job

BY DAVID POWELL
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SLEEPING the night before running in the London Marathon is never easy. The mind races, waiting anxiously for the legs to take their turn. The next night, with body spent, sleep comes easy — unless you have won. Eamonn Martin found that out in the early hours of yesterday morning.

He had five hours of what he described as "bitty" sleep. How was the new hero to Britain's thousands of fun runners supposed to switch off after all that had happened? Martin had been celebrating until nearly 2am, signing autographs, drinking, and reliving his sprint finish over Westminster Bridge with allcomers in the race headquarters bar.

Then he was up early, his head still spinning at what he had done. It would have been nice to have gone home to Basildon to spend some time with his wife and four-day-old baby, whom he had not seen since Friday. But a London Marathon champion is well paid and sponsors demand that he stays another day to tell his story to the media all over again.

But first came the call to the office at Ford. You can imagine the reaction: "There's this chap on the phone. Says he won't be in today. Says he's won the London Marathon." Martin, a test engineer making his marathon debut, has never been tempted into full-time professionalism as a runner. He will be back at Ford today.

At midday came the job, at the champions' press conference, of convincing people that, despite his new place in the spotlight, there would be no athletics career move. He wanted to keep faithful to the nobler art of 10,000-metres track racing. "I do not, all of a sudden, want to become an archetypal marathon runner, I still have ambitions on the track," Martin said. He would run, perhaps, one marathon a year.

Martin is 34, which means up to five years more in which he can earn well from the marathon, far more than any 10,000 metres athlete can make. Marathon runners command among the highest fees in the sport: the £150,000 appearance money which Liz McColgan is understood to have received for Sunday's race is equal to the sum paid for the much-hyped 3,000 metres between Zola Budd and Mary Slaney at Crystal Palace in 1985.

As Mel Batty, Martin's manager, said yesterday, his athlete's worth to London next year should at least equal the value placed on McColgan. If London agrees to a six-figure fee, and Martin wins again, his earnings for the year would be in the region of \$500,000, including endorsements, prize-money and appearance money. If the sleep trouble persists, he could try counting dollar signs.

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Off and running: massed ranks of competitors at the red start begin the 26 miles and 385 yards from Greenwich Park to Westminster Bridge. Photograph: Simon Walker

'THE TIMES' MARATHON QUIZ COMPETITION — DAY 2

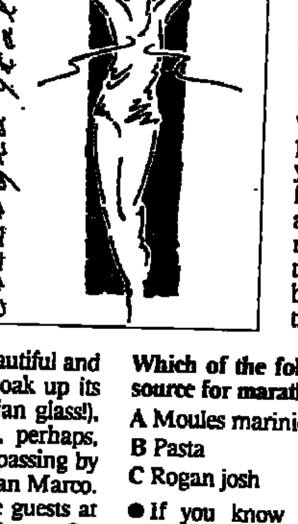

Venice, city of romance: you can win a luxury weekend here with a companion

Enjoy a free weekend for two in Venice

Here's your chance to enjoy a free, long weekend for two in Venice in October, coinciding with the Venice Marathon, courtesy of *The Times* and Barilla, one of the world's leading pasta manufacturers. To win, answer the questions appearing in *The Times* this week until Thursday, and then phone in your answers.

The winner and a companion will fly Alitalia to Venice on Friday October 8 for a three-night stay at the three-star Hotel Bon Chiatti.

On arrival there will be a complimentary dinner for two. On Saturday, after a guided sightseeing tour of this beautiful and historic city, you will be free to soak up its atmosphere: shopping (for Venetian glass!), taking a trip in a gondola and, perhaps, relaxing and watching the world passing by in one of the cafés on the Piazza San Marco. On Saturday evening, you will be guests at the Barilla Marathon Pasta Party. On Sunday, Venice is yours — and to watch the great marathon. On Monday, you can catch up on last-minute shopping before flying home in the evening.



● **To win this luxury long weekend**, all you have to do is answer correctly the questions appearing in *The Times* yesterday, today, tomorrow and Thursday, when we will print a telephone number to call with your answers (and repeat all four questions). The eventual winner will be selected at random from all-correct entries received, and notified by post. *The Times* competition rules apply.

Here is today's question:

Which of the following is an ideal energy source for marathon runners?

A Moules marinières

B Pasta

C Rogan josh

● If you know the answer, save it. On Thursday, phone it in with your answers to the other three questions in *The Times*.

NEWS

Inferno ends Waco siege

■ A ball of flame last night engulfed the besieged cult compound at Waco, Texas, amid fears of a mass suicide prompted by an FBI bungle.

The 51-day siege of the Branch Davidian headquarters came to an apocalyptic climax after agents had tried to force its occupants out with tear gas and smashing down walls. The leader, David Koresh and 95 followers, including up to 26 Britons, are holed up in the compound ..... **Pages 1, 14, 19**

Violence mars Hani funeral as six die

■ At least six people died in the violence marking the funeral in Johannesburg yesterday of Chris Hani, the assassinated general secretary of the South African Communist Party. More than 100,000 mourners mostly peaceful but many carrying axes and pangas took part..... **Pages 1, 10, 19**

Bosnia war twists

The Bosnian war took a sinister twist yesterday, with fighting between the republic's Muslims and Croat convulsing the centre of the republic and coinciding with Russian anxiety about the West's role .....**Pages 8, 11, 16**

Maastricht move

The government faces the possibility of defeat later this week on the Maastricht bill after an unexpected decision yesterday that MPs will, after all, be allowed to vote on the social chapter**Page 8**

Vote for change

President Scalfaro began searching for a new government to oversee electoral reform after Italians voted overwhelmingly to end proportional representation and half a century of corrupt politics.....**Page 9**

Teachers balloted

The dispute over national curriculum tests intensified today as the main moderate teaching union started to ballot members on a boycott this summer**Page 2**

By-election boost

Newbury Conservatives say that victory in the May 6 by-election would confirm public confidence in John Major's government and boost Britain's economic recovery into the bargain... **Page 7**

Special needs

Hospitals are undermining the will of teenagers with cancer to recover by failing to pay attention to their special needs, a cancer charity claimed..... **Page 5**

Council tax drops

Western Isles Council, which has set one of the highest council taxes in Britain, will announce a large reduction in bills ... **Page 7**

Palestinians thrive

After 125 days in exile, Palestinians dumped by Israel in what was a snowy no man's land are thriving in this makeshift camp that, true to its name — Arabic for "field of flowers" — is alive with blossoms..... **Page 10**

Leader fights back

Pakistan's sacked prime minister, Mian Nawaz Sharif, asked the High Court to block dissolution of the National Assembly and vowed to take his battle on to the streets..... **Page 14**

Warsaw braced

Warsaw was under the tightest security since martial law to prevent demonstrations by right-wing skinheads or actions by terrorists from derailing the fiftieth anniversary commemorations of the Warsaw ghetto uprising..... **Page 9**

Official poached

A second senior civil servant involved in preparing detailed plans for privatising prisons has been poached by the private sector to join a company bidding for the contract to run Strangeways jail in Manchester..... **Page 5**

Jeeves retires

An exclusive London staffing agency, Jeeves Chauffeur Agency, catering to the rich and famous, has been wound-up **Page 6**

Designers tailor broader bottoms

Underwear, aeroplanes, cars and skirts are being redesigned to cater for the burgeoning bottom and the longer leg. Not only have British Airways set up a task force to design seats for the taller and broader passenger, but high street shops and car companies are also measuring up to accommodate the growth in the average size of British bodies.....**Page 6**



Under fire: demonstrators carry a man injured after police opened fire near a stadium in Johannesburg yesterday. Pages 1, 10

BUSINESS

Coal warning: The government's promised subsidies for the coal industry will increase pressure to streamline, threatening further job losses, British Coal said.... **Page 25**

Brighter outlook: High street sales are growing at their strongest rate since the end of 1991, according to new figures today from the Confederation of British Industry**Page 27**

Markets: The pound rose sharply against the dollar, closing up 1.40 cents at $1.5400, but eased against the German mark to close at DM2.4628, down .28 pfennigs. The FT-SE 100 share index opened strongly but yielded earlier gains to end up just 5.6 at 2,830.0 ..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Ian Botham said that this season, his twentieth, will probably be his last in first-class cricket, although he admitted that he would like to play one last time in an international against the Australians ..... **Page 48**

Motor sport: Nigel Mansell took his tally of championship points in the IndyCar series to 15 after finishing third in Long Beach, California, on Sunday..... **Page 44**

Snooker: Alan McManus showed again his unflappable temperament to overcome 17-year-old Ronnie O'Sullivan in the first round of the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield ..... **Page 48**

FEATURES

Whither Bosnia: After the fall of Srebrenica and Baroness Thatcher's condemnation of Europe's failure to act against the Serbs, *The Times* has asked some of those who have expressed views in the past whether their opinions have changed..... **Page 16**

BODY AND MIND

Early signs: An experimental screening for ovarian cancer is being conducted at King's College Hospital, London ..... **Page 17**

Doctor, doctor: The balance of power in the doctor-patient relationship has shifted. James Le Fanu on why doctors hate their patients ..... **Page 17**

ARTS

Rameau in the Bull Ring: City of Birmingham Touring Opera has taken over a derelict ballroom in Birmingham's most infamous shopping centre, to stage a French Baroque opera ..... **Page 41**

Chamber music: Matthew Parris tunes in to a Radio 4 survey of 15 years' broadcasting from the House of Commons, but is sorry to find no room has been made for the wit and wisdom of the backbenchers ..... **Page 41**

Provincial life: Bill Morrison's trilogy, *A Love Song for Ulster*, is an ambitious attempt to cover 70 years of Northern Ireland's troubles in six hours, recalling a blend of Macaulay and *The Archers*.... **Page 42**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



A quarter of a century on Enoch Powell's infamous "rivers of blood" speech on immigration is still capable of generating emotion **Page 2**



Margaret Beckett, deputy Labour leader is threatening to disrupt tonight's meeting of the Plant commission on electoral reform **Page 8**



Tony Pinchin, a Church of England clergyman, believes he can take most of his congregation with him when he joins the Catholic Church **Page 3**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Stage fit for a Bard

Will Sam Wanamaker's replica Globe Theatre, on the banks of the Thames, be ready for its scheduled opening next spring?

Street of Shame out of touch

Efforts continue to be made to report fairly on what happens beyond Watford, but is Fleet Street out of touch with the provinces? Walter Ellis reports

What price disobedience?

What is the traditional Russian price for disobedience to the ruler, be he tsar, communist or would-be democrat? Anne McElvoy explores the use of cars as a political weapon

TV LISTINGS

The tense negotiations between between a Belgian policeman and a gunman holding a woman and children hostage are charted in *40 Minutes* (BBC2, 9.50pm) **Page 47**

OPINION

The new governance

"Reinventing government" may not sound like a slogan to win the nation's heart and votes. But it is more likely to be the next decade's political "big idea" than zero inflation or European union. John Major ... has understood that the relationship between citizens and public institutions is what all politics is about..... **Page 19**

Tragedy in Waco

Inevitably Washington's critics will compare yesterday's fiasco with President Carter's attempt to rescue the American hostages from Iran ... It would be regrettable if a series of mistakes in Waco were to shake the international confidence of a new administration that sets competence as one of its watchwords..... **Page 19**

South African myths

President de Klerk must give hope to his ANC counterparts that South Africa is a test ground for a new politics..... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

J ENOCH POWELL

What happened in the 1950s and the 1960s was due overwhelmingly to that piece of self-inflicted national humbug, the British Nationality Act 1948. The act secured that, as new independent states were carved out of the old colonial and Indian empires, their inhabitants would have the same right to enter and reside in the UK as its native inhabitants..... **Page 18**

BERNARD LEVIN

The tale of the European Bank would be bad enough if it were a matter of thieving. But no: it is quite clear that not so much as a bent ecu has gone into any unauthorised pocket, that none of them can have any fear from even the most searching audit..... **Page 18**

LETTERS

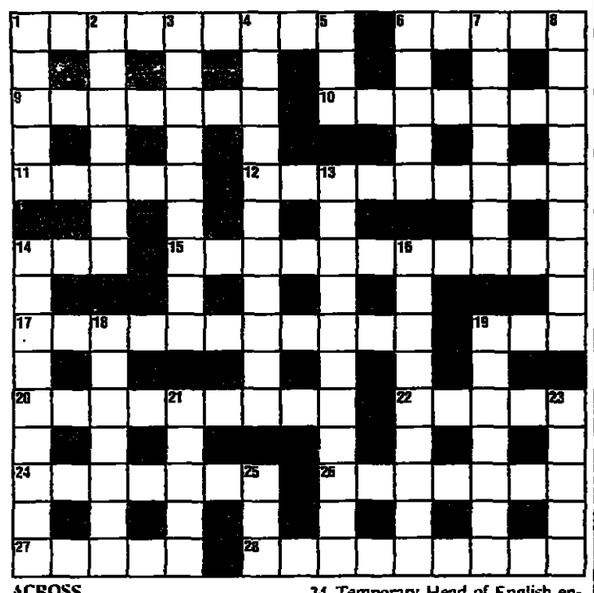
New legal aid regulations come under scrutiny..... **Page 19**

THE PAPERS

Government has been all too good at spending dollars but no cure for the destruction that has blighted LA streets is possible in the absence of commitment of the people

— The Washington Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,209



ACROSS

1 Bloom, say, beginning to carouse in the back bar (9).
6 Fake return by public transport? (5).
9 Boy given vessel — one of those used in the kitchen (7).
10 Dug that's apt to go to earth (7).
11 Excuse for a discharge of fire (5).
12 Woman in business — a northern trawler operator (9).
14 Distinctive quality of a gaseous substance (3).
15 Officer gives new order to alarm raider (4,7).
17 Trickery put university student with terrible grudge inside? Heavens! (11).
19 Part of a prelude arranged for organ (3).
20 One who saves meat for feeding animals (9).
22 Stand-in officer backed with hesitation (5).
24 Temporary Head of English enters, looking smart (7).
26 Grace breaks into wages, perhaps, to obtain trinkets (7).
27 Lout's expressions of defiance and surprise, say (5).
28 Sailor caught in senseless action in the southern region (9).

DOWN

1 Crazy to keep hot water in these containers? (5).
2 This is the gymnast's pigeon! (7).
3 Taken to be unusual demeanour (9).
4 Husband displayed fury after bluff in dramatic situation (5-6).
5 Soft drink in the theatre (3).
6 A little 23, say, capsizing a boat (5).
7 Sterner fairy tale writer — one of two presented to king (7).
8 Killer crossing line is a foreigner (9).
13 Nervous feeling when on coach with freakish person (5,6).
14 Application from a besuited male youth leader (9).
16 The boat for a month on a river? (9).
18 Remove security for a French politician at church (7).
19 Charm opponents with song (7).
21 Sign right in centre of Spanish port (5).
23 Summarize one hundred notes (5).
25 Flightless bird making endlessly plaintive sound (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,208

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WEATHER

Shetland, southern and eastern Scotland, and the Lake District will be wet, but it will clear during the evening. Western and northern Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some rain. Wales and southwest England will be mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. The rest of England will be dry, although rain will spread to central and eastern areas in the evening. Outlook: some sunshine, but showers as well.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder, d=drizzle, fg=fog, s=sun, sl=sleet, sn=snow, r=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	s	Madrid	20	68	s
Alicatirl	19	66	f	Majorca	20	68	s
Alex'dria	20	68	s	Malaga	19	66	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Malta	19	66	s
Amst'dm	10	50	d	Melb'rne	27	81	s
Athens	17	63	s	Miami*	27	81	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Milan	20	68	s
Bangkok	35	95	f	Montreal*	5	41	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	3	37	c
Barcelna	15	59	s	Munich	13	55	c
Beirut	28	82	c	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	17	63	f	Naples	19	66	s
Berlin	9	48	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Bermuda*	22	72	r	N York*	11	52	s
Biarritz	26	79	s	Nice	16	61	f
Borde'x	21	70	s	Oslo	5	41	f
Brussels	13	55	c	Paris	16	61	f
Budapst	15	59	c	Peking	27	81	s
B Aires*	21	70	r	Perth	23	73	f
Cairo	30	86	s	Prague	9	48	r
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Reykjavik	5	41	r
Chicago*	17	63	r	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	14	57	f	Rio de J	31	88	s
Cologne	12	54	c	Riyadh	34	93	s
C'phgn	10	50	s	Rome	16	61	f
Corfu	19	66	s	Salzburg	11	52	c
Dublin	13	55	c	S Friscо*	16	61	s
Faro	20	68	s	Santiago*	15	59	f
Florence	17	63	f	S Paulo*	28	82	c
Frankfurt	14	57	c	Seoul	23	73	s
Funchal	19	66	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	16	64	s	St'kholm	4	39	c
Gibraltar	18	66	f	Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Helsinki	4	39	f	Sydney	24	75	s
Hong K	22	72	c	Tangier	22	72	s
Innsbruck	18	64	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Istanbul	12	54	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	16	61	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Toronto*	11	52	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	20	68	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Vanc'ver*	12	54	f
La Toquel	12	54	c	Venice	16	61	f
Lisbon	21	70	s	Vienna	15	59	f
Locarno	19	66	c	Warsaw	9	48	f
London	14	57	c	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
L Angels*	16	64	s	Wel'nton	15	59	f
Luxembg	11	52	c	Zurich	15	59	f
Luxor	39	102	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1hr Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,017 millibars, falling 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp London, 17C (63F), lowest day max Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, 6C (43F); highest rainfall Spadeadam, Cumbria, 1.05in, highest sunshine Kinloss, Grampian, 9.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F), min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1in Sun 24hr to 6pm, 0.2hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F), min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.45in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.8	-	11	52	bright
Anglesey	0.2	0.35	11	52	rain
Aviemore	4.3	-	10	50	bright
Belfast	0.1	0.32	13	55	rain
Birmingham	1.1	-	13	56	cloudy
Bognor Regis	4.7	-	14	57	bright
Bournemouth	2.1	-	14	57	bright
Bristol	2.3	0.08	13	55	bright
Buxton	0.6	0.52	11	52	rain
Cardiff	0.7	0.04	13	55	cloudy
Clacton	1.9	0.03	13	55	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	0.1	0.41	13	55	rain
Cromer	X	0.06	13	55	rain
Edinburgh	-	0.53	8	46	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.63	7	45	rain
Exmouth	4.1	-	16	61	bright
Falmouth	1.7	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Folkestone	1.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Guernsey	0.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Hastings	1.4	-	14	57	bright
Hunstanton	0.7	0.10	12	54	rain
Isle Of Man	0.7	0.63	12	54	rain
Jersey	0.9	0.01	13	55	cloudy
Kinloss	9.7	-	10	50	sunny
Leeds	1.0	0.09	14	57	rain
Lerwick	6.0	0.09	7	45	hail
Littlehampton	4.4	-	13	55	bright
Liverpool	1.2	0.54	11	52	rain
Lowestoft	0.2	0.05	14	57	rain
Margate	0.7	-	16	61	dull
Minehead	4.4	-	15	59	bright
Morecambe	0.2	0.76	11	52	rain
Newcastle	-	0.62	6	43	rain
Newquay	1.1	-	x	x	cloudy
Nottingham	0.2	0.03	14	57	rain
Penzance	2.8	-	14	57	bright
Plymouth	1.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Poole	2.2	-	15	59	bright
Sidcombe	1.1	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Sandown	4.4	-	13	55	sunny
Saunton Snd	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Scarborough	-	0.17	12	54	rain
Scilly Isles	2.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Shanklin	4.0	-	12	54	bright
Southend	2.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Southsea	4.8	-	13	55	sunny
Stornoway	8.5	-	9	48	sunny
Swanage	4.7	-	13	55	sunny
Teignmouth	2.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Tenby	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Torquay	3.2	-	15	59	bright
Weymouth	5.3	-	13	55	sunny
Worthing	4.5	-	12	54	sunny

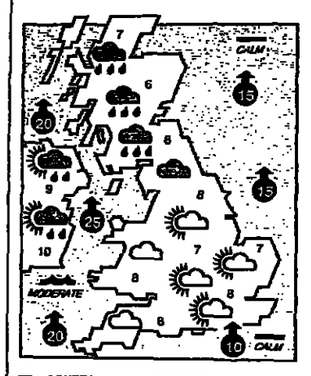
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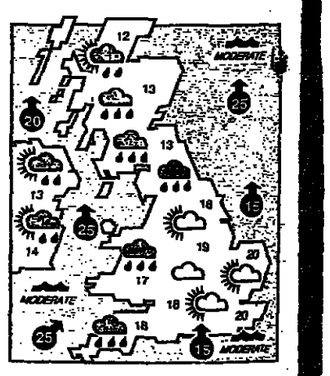
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Austria Sch	18.40	16.90
Belgium Fr	53.90	49.50
Canada $	2.05	1.89
Denmark Kr	10.06	9.26
Finland Mrk	9.15	8.35
France Fr	8.80	8.10
Germany Dm	2.60	2.40
Greece Dr	352.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.50	11.50
Ireland Pl	1.08	0.98
Italy Lira	2435.00	2290.00
Japan Yen	188.00	169.00
Netherlands Gld	2.93	2.70
Norway Kr	11.02	10.22
Portugal Esc	239.00	221.00
South Africa Rd	5.50	4.80
Spain Pta	184.00	171.00
Sweden Kr	11.95	11.15
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	15200.0	14200.0
USA $	1.63	1.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.36 pm to 5.25 am
Bristol 8.45 pm to 5.34 am
Edinburgh 9.00 pm to 5.26 am
Manchester 8.49 pm to 5.28 am
Penzance 8.54 pm to 5.49 am

Sun rises: 5.55 am
Sun sets: 8.06 pm
Moon rises 4.56 am
Moon sets 6.54 pm
New moon tomorrow

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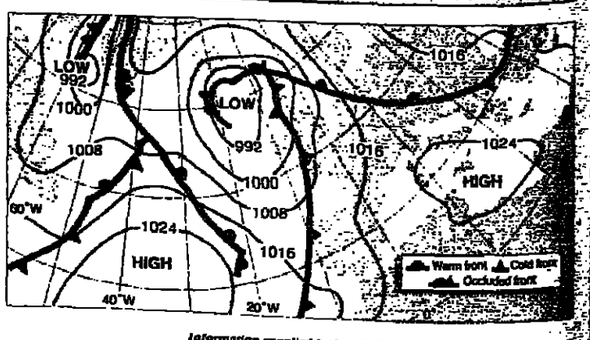
Temperatures at midday yesterday c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	f	Guernsey	12	54	c
B'mngham	13	55	c	Inverness	8	46	r
Blackpool	12	54	c	Jersey	13	55	c
Bristol	13	55	c	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'nchster	13	55	c
Edinburgh	10	50	c	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'nldsway	9	48	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1 48	6 6	2 12	6.8	Liverpool	11 17	8 8	11.37	8.8
Aberdeen	1.22	3.8	1.25	3.8	Avonmouth	9.56	2.2	9.43	2.3
Avonmouth	7 15	12.2	7.34	12.2	Margate			12.23	4.4
Belfast	11.07	3.1	11.26	3.1	Milford Haven	6.13	6.4	6.32	6.4
Cardiff	7 00	11.3	7 19	11 3	Newquay	5 05	6.4	5.23	6.4
Devonport	5 37	5.1	5.59	5 1	Oban	5 46	3 7	4 59	3.6
Dover	11 09	6.0	11 31	6.2	Penzance	4 38	5.2	4.58	5.2
Falmouth	5.07	4.9	5.29	4.9	Portland	6 38	1.8	7 03	1.9
Glasgow	12.49	4 1	1.13	4.3	Portsmouth	11.24	4.2	11.39	4.5
Harwich			12 01	3 8	Shoreham	11 20	5.7	11.36	5.9
Holyhead	10.22	5 1	10.43	5 1	Southampton	11 00	4.1	11.21	4.3
Hull	6.29	6.7	6 32	7.1	Swansea	6 19	8 9	6 39	9.0
Ilfracombe	5.58	8 4	6 16	8 4	Tees	3 37	4.8	3 43	5.0
King's Lynn	6.38	5.8	6 59	6 1	Wilton-on-Nze	11 55	4 0		
Leith	2 34	5 0	2.38	5.0					

NOON TODAY



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Morton accuses TML of blackmail in tunnel delay

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ Eurotunnel announced a further delay in the opening of the Channel tunnel to early 1994 and angrily accused the contractors' consortium of a "blackmail of time"

SIR Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, has accused the builders of the £8 billion-plus Channel tunnel of blackmail that will mean more delays for the embattled project and could push the eventual opening into the middle of next year.

Sir Alastair, locked in difficult and often bad-tempered negotiations with Trans-Manche Link, the ten-company consortium building the tunnel, used the opportunity of his company's annual figures to launch his most stinging attack on the builders.

He said: "We're going to be ready to operate by the end of this year, and we wait to see when TML will allow us to operate. If it opens any later than the beginning of January 1994 then it's TML withholding the opening."

The tunnel was at first due to open next month, but a series of delays and cost overruns as the original design was altered pushed this date back to December 15 at the last estimate given, the opening to take place on a staggered basis with only limited services running at first.

Sir Alastair yesterday refused to give an estimate of an opening time, saying this was entirely at the behest of the builders who were threatening delay if their claims were not met. TML has asked for an extension of the project until June next year, but Sir Alastair commented: "June 1994 — I think that's highly unlikely. December 1993 is getting pretty unlikely. February is in the most likely zone, but it's undoubtedly not exactly right.

"They are simply using the blackmail of time by delaying things. They have got to get their act together and decide who runs TML. We have a situation where the weapon — delay — has become rather blunt in the hands of the party wielding it."

Eurotunnel shares plunged 20p to 440p on the confirmation of expected further delays. The latest annual figures, to end-December, are of little significance as the project is not yet operational, but they show total costs, assuming an opening date of mid-February next year, have grown from the £8.1 billion given a year ago to £8.4 billion.

So far, £6.75 billion has been spent, split roughly two-thirds on construction and land purchases and a third on financing and other corporate costs. Interest bills alone jumped from £297 million to £575 million last year. Sir Alastair said the total funds needed before the project broke even, expected in 1997, would be £9.75 billion.

He repeated earlier warnings that shareholders should be braced for further share issues to meet the gap between the expected costs and total facilities available of £8.36 billion. This will be exhausted by the second or third quarter of next year.

Once services were operating, the revenues received would support a "major, equity-based refinancing before the end of 1995," a rights issue that the stock market has been expecting for some time. As to the total fresh funds that would be needed, an estimate of £850 million was "reasonable", he added. As a start, Eurotunnel intends to raise £200 million by means of a bonus warrant issue in the summer of 1994.

Sir Alastair added: "The revenue we might lose by the delay is not as big as the money we are saving in not paying them over the odds and the damages we will claim for missing the contract date of completion."



MARTIN KEENE

Site for sore eyes: Sir Alastair ponders the latest problems with the Channel tunnel

'It's Alastair being Alastair'

"I'M AFRAID it's Alastair being Alastair," was the resigned response from Joe Dwyer, chairman of George Wimpey, one of the tunnel builders, and joint chairman of TML's shareholders assembly (Martin Waller writes).

"It's quite wrong of him to say we're delaying things. There's no commercial benefit to contractors at all. If one were in negotiations and one wanted to use levers to assist those negotiations, one might use blackmail. But we're not in negotiations with him. We're saying these decisions are in the hands of the arbitrators now — there's no point in resorting to blackmail."

Mr Dwyer denied that it was the contractors alone standing in the way of an eventual opening, pointing out that Eurotunnel also has to gain an operating licence. While this is independent of the building work, a resolution of the contractual dispute that would allow TML to gain the needed completion certificate would speed the process, he added.

He added: "In the absence of a commercial agreement between both parties, TML will nevertheless proceed, within the terms of the contract, to achieve completion of the project at the earliest possible time."

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Ferriday jailed for six years

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE final chapter in the spectacular financial fall of John Ferriday, the former millionaire chief executive of Eagle Trust, closed yesterday as he was jailed for six years for stealing more than £13 million in cash and shares.

Ferriday, 48, was jailed after a ten-month trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court at which it emerged that he had embarked on the theft after the failure of a company rights issue during the stock market crash of 1987. He was left with a huge personal underwriting commitment and saw theft as his only way out from the debt hole of Black Monday.

Judge Malcolm Ward, sentencing him yesterday, told Ferriday, of Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, that he was an unscrupulous man who had taken a "massive and dishonest gamble." Ferriday was disqualified from being the director of a company for ten years.

Ferriday was convicted on April 2 on five charges of theft after the second longest case brought by the Serious Fraud Office. The Barlow Clowes case took a year.

The three-year fraud investigation into Ferriday centred on an arrogant man who craved success. He has denied being "flash" yet owned a string of luxury cars, wore Rolex watches and took his daughter Belinda to school by helicopter.

He was a man on the make, leaving a two-up two-down home in north Birmingham and a father who, by Ferriday's admission, "always said I was a spiv".

Ferriday made money in the 1960's in insurance and finance, via involvement in a Shropshire strip club known as the Hell Fire Club. He made the fast lane in the 1980's property boom. From there, he founded Eagle Trust in Halesowen, West Midlands, which rapidly grew

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US $ ..... 1.5400 (+0.0140)
German mark ... 2.4628 (-0.0028)
Exchange index ..... 80.1 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2830.0 (+5.6)
Dow Jones ... 3464.83 (-13.78)*
Nikkei Avg ..20112.34 (-185.52)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 6 1/16-5 15/16%
US Federal Funds 2 15/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.84-2.82%*
Long Bond 6.75%*

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London Forex market close

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London Fixing ($):
AM 340.40 ..... PM 339.60
Close 339.60-340.00
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* Denotes midday trading price

Coal aid plan could mean more jobs go

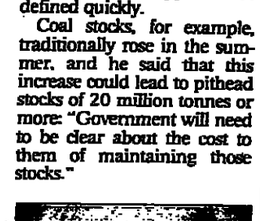
BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Coal warned yesterday that the government's promised subsidies would increase pressure to streamline, threatening more jobs.

The company also wants swift government action to lift legal restraints on its ability to adapt, especially on working practices. Neil Clarke, chairman, said that the promise of subsidies to allow some mines time to become fully competitive against imports meant that the "necessary consequence" was further pressure to reshape British Coal.

He told the Institute of Energy: "If government assistance is to provide us with a breathing space, then we cannot simply hold our breath and hope that things will get better." The company would be "more aggressive" in the pricing of its coal because of the transitional subsidy offered by the government, but Mr Clarke said it was necessary for the structure and extent of the government's proposed price support to be defined quickly.

Coal stocks, for example, traditionally rose in the summer, and he said that this increase could lead to pithead stocks of 20 million tonnes or more: "Government will need to be clear about the cost to them of maintaining those stocks."



Clarke: urging aggression

Keys to manufacturing a trade balance



STEPHEN LEWIS

During the 1980s, it became fashionable to argue that the balance of payments did not matter. In a world of internationally mobile capital, it was claimed, a current account deficit could be financed, whatever its size. Like many 1980s fashions, this now looks dated. As Nigel Lawson's experience showed, a massive deficit is financeable but the markets exact a price. Either they mark down sterling or, if the authorities are determined to resist, look for higher sterling interest rates.

That is why the chronic deficit on the UK current account is such a serious threat. Much ink has been expended in the debate over whether the deficit is structural. The argument hinges on whether there might be an exchange rate low enough to restore balance, but it is theoretical. The account is so far from balance, with the economy still subdued, that no government would be likely to tolerate the inflationary input from devaluation needed to eliminate the deficit, even if it were not structural.

In spite of the balance of payments threat, the government is curiously unprepared to devise a strategy to strengthen the UK's ability to compete in world markets. Apart from a few words from John Major disclaiming personal responsibility for the rundown of manufacturing, and rumours that a plan will emerge from Michael Heseltine's department, there is nothing. This contrasts with the Clinton administration's approach. The centrepiece of Mr Clinton's economic policy is to strengthen American competitiveness. In this, he enjoys the endorsement of the Japanese government, which argues that the poor trade performance of the US, compared with Japan and other Asian countries, reflects policies inimical to manufacturing success which the US has pursued over the past 20 years.

Unfortunately, the policies that Mr Clinton is pursuing would not, if followed by Mr Major, bring the near-term relief from the balance of payments constraint that the British economy sorely needs. They are policies to enhance human capital, which will take a generation or more to bear fruit. If the UK has to wait that long for an improvement in its competitiveness, it will probably no longer have a chance of regaining the ranks of advanced nations. It will have lost too much as a result of blows to confidence from successive sterling crises. The situation, however, is far from hopeless for the government, if it is serious in wishing to frame a strategy for faster improvement. A sharp increase in manufactured exports and import substitutes will require a larger manufacturing base. This will demand more investment.

British economic history in the past half century has been littered with attempts by governments to step up capital spending, either in the public sector or, through exhortation, by private companies. None of these has halted the erosion of manufacturing. Capital investment undertaken in an upswing has often been mothballed in the next downturn. Directed capital spending has been ineffective in stimulating organic growth in manufacturing.

A better approach might be to increase incentives for capital spending. One helpful measure would be to reduce the burden of capital taxation to encourage reinvestment of profits. Raising capital gains tax rates to income tax levels effectively penalised capital accumulation, since allowances available to relieve income tax cannot be applied against CGT. Lower CGT rates would primarily help small businesses and are therefore liable to be overlooked. The small business sector is potentially important, however. It is the backbone of German industry.

For larger companies, there is probably less hope of stimulating investment by domestic than by foreign manufacturers. Home-based companies, in many instances, are still recovering from the financial strains of the recession. They are likely to be cautious for years to come; foreign companies are inclined to regard the UK as a base for supplying Europe, in spite of the traumas over ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

This is the strongest case for keeping the sterling exchange rate low. By maintaining the UK's attractions for investment, through cheap production costs in yen or mark terms, the government will be able to entice foreign companies to set up in the UK.

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Lamont hails UK's top billing in EC recovery


Lamont: no UK rate cuts

FROM TOM WALKER
IN LUXEMBOURG

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, told his EC colleagues yesterday that Britain was leading Europe out of recession and only slow growth in their economies was hindering the British recovery. The Chancellor urged his EC partners to lower their interest rates, but said no further cuts were needed in Britain. "I regard the present level of interest rates as compatible with recovery. I regard the strength of the pound in recent weeks as a good development and one which will reinforce counter-inflationary pressures."

He brushed aside criticism that sterling's devaluation had produced alarming signs that inflation was about to spiral again. "We always expected to see some rise and it's come much later than many people predicted," he said. He urged companies to control their costs: "That is the only way for them to win increased market share." He also stuck by his forecast for 1.5 per cent growth in gross domestic product this year.

In a meeting supposedly dedicated to the EC "growth package", Mr Lamont, turning the community into an "us and them" playing field, with Britain apart, said: "The prospects for Britain are very encouraging, even though the outlook for much of the rest of Europe remains of concern." He said Britain had been the first into recession and was now the first out. He reminded them that the last time this happened, in the Thatcher years, Britain saw eight years of a growth that averaged more than three per cent a year.

The self-congratulatory tone of the Chancellor irked Henning Christophersen, the EC's finance commissioner who has predicted that overall EC growth next year will be 1.8 per cent. "The UK has had the strongest recession of all member states," he said. "There is nothing astonishing that the UK is now beginning to regain potential after several years of negative growth. Indeed, it would have been catastrophic if there were no signs."

The ministers made some progress on an EC growth package now valued at about £27 billion, although its financing remains at best vague. Member states are supposed to contribute about £9.6 billion to this total: Mr Lamont presented his colleagues with details of the Channel tunnel, Heathrow-London and Crossrail railway links, all of which had been included in his Autumn Statement. So far, the EC, through the European Investment Bank, has given just over £1 billion to 21 infrastructure projects.

But the overall package falls well short of the £50 billion originally envisaged by Mr Christophersen, and Mr Lamont had other priorities in mind for the EC. "It is overshadowed by the gigantic issue of the GATT," he said. "A resolution of the GATT is the surest way of restoring economic confidence in Europe."

Brittan seeks compromise in trade talks with Kantor

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

SIR LEON Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, arrived in Washington for a crucial and possibly final round of talks to avert a US public procurement clampdown, which could develop into the most serious transatlantic trade conflict in years.

As part of his two-day visit, Sir Leon will try to persuade his US counterpart, Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, to accept a compromise solution, under which both trading blocks would improve market access to public procurement bids.

The talks follow a threat by the US administration to ban European telecommunications equipment and power engineering firms from US federal procurement contracts, because of a new EC single market rule that grants European manufacturers a 3 per cent bidding advantage. Meanwhile, the EC retorts that the Buy-America Act would act in a similarly discriminating way in the US.

Officials close to the talks were yesterday trying to play down expectations, after little progress was reached in preliminary negotiations. Sir Leon's discussions with Mr Kantor focused initially on the procurement issue, but the subject was then delegated to the level of officials. In the afternoon, Sir Leon was due to meet Warren Christopher, the secretary of state, for talks focusing on Russia.

A failure of the procurement talks would lead to the first EC-US trade conflict under the new administration, and may be seen as evidence that the administration stands by its sometimes tough rhetoric on trade. President Clinton has given conflicting signals at times, but Congress' overwhelming tendency towards protectionism gives the administration little leeway in its policies.

The issue of fairness in procurement markets is intractable because of the fundamentally different structure of the two markets in the US and the EC. The US charges that EC companies bid for twice as many contracts in the US, than American companies do in Europe. European officials, however, doubt the validity of these figures, and the issue is complicated further by the differing ownership patterns: utilities are principally a public-sector industry in Europe, and a private sector industry in the US.

Sir Leon is prepared to yield on the principal US demand — to waive article 29 of the EC utilities directive, which lays out the bidding discrimination — but he also attaches similar conditions in respect of US trade discrimination. Under article 29, a US company would need to offer a price of at least 3 per cent less than an EC competitor in order to win the contract, but EC rules allow a waiver under certain circumstances. The Buy-America Act gives American companies a 6 per cent price advantage.


Together — yet apart: Sir Leon Brittan (left) and Mickey Kantor have made little progress in talks so far

Marks plans to sparkle in Europe

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

MARKS and Spencer is set to expand in continental Europe. It plans to double the number of stores there in the next few years.

Expansion strategy includes new franchises, as well as opening M&S outlets. Last week, the group launched its 71st franchise store in Vienna. A 30,000 sq ft outlet is due to open in Barcelona this autumn as part of a joint venture with Cortefiel; the partnership already runs two stores in Madrid and Seville. This will bring the total number of non-franchise outlets on the Continent to 20. M&S is committed to doubling that figure as soon as it finds appropriate sites. The company was reluctant to disclose a timetable, but a source said: "Europe is our strategic priority, so we are looking keenly." However, it took nearly two years to find the Barcelona site in the L'illa shopping centre.

M&S intends to rely on organic growth this time, after being badly burnt after its £420 million acquisition in 1988 of the Brooks Brothers menswear chain in America.

The initial move into Europe, with the opening of a Paris store in the mid-seventies, was in response to fears that the UK market was becoming saturated. However, the expansion of the group's product range into sectors such as home furnishings has provided new avenues of growth.

Dependency on the UK market, which accounts for about 85 per cent of sales and has left the group exposed to recession, has been identified as a weakness. Nevertheless, four new British stores are planned in the next two years, including outlets in Edinburgh; in Dorking, Surrey; and in Torbay, Devon.

The decision whether to own or franchise a store depends on its size. Outlets larger than 30,000 sq ft, which can house a broad product range, are invariably managed by M&S itself. Smaller franchises usually stock just lingerie and toiletries, while the bigger ones will also sell clothes. However, there are some bizarre product mixes. A franchise store in Lisbon stocks lingerie and home furnishings.

While acknowledging that there is no standard Euro-consumer, M&S is confident that there is a market for its products abroad. Ironically, its Paris store sells more English muffins in the summer months than all its British counterparts.

Expansion is not without its hazards. The absence of changing rooms in the Paris store resulted in shoppers disrobing in public to try on clothes. Fitting rooms have been installed.

Lloyd's pressed over writs

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Corporation of Lloyd's is coming under increasing pressure to extend its standstill on legal action against names on the Gooda Walker syndicates.

The call from the Society of Names follows last week's news that profits of several syndicates had been enhanced "significantly" through the use of specialist reinsurance policies. The findings prompted Ken Randall, author of the report and former head of regulation at Lloyd's, to hand the report to the Serious Fraud Office.

According to the SFO, no decision has been reached on whether to investigate the syndicates' affairs. However, Tom Benyon, a director at the society, has written to Peter Middleton, the corporation's chief executive, asking for an extension of the moratorium, which expires at the end of the month, until any SFO investigation has been completed. He said that calling on names for funds would not be fair, given the uncertainty surrounding the syndicates' profits.

The plea from the society follows a similar request from Val Powell, chief executive of the Association of Lloyd's Members, to Brian Garraway, chairman of the Lloyd's regulatory board.

The Lloyd's writs are against an estimated 3,500 names who have refused to settle insurance losses, which for the market as a whole totalled £2.06 billion last year. Names on the Gooda Walker syndicates are some of the worst hit in the market, with losses totalling £925 million. More than 2,000 Gooda Walker names are suing 67 Lloyd's agencies in an attempt to recover £396 million of losses resulting from the excess-of-loss spiral.

Leyland DAF pay cuts agreed

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEYLAND DAF employees yesterday agreed to pay cuts of up to 8 per cent to help the management buy-out of the company.

Although union officials insisted that the move was an interim measure, the wage cut — particularly one of such a scale — offers a rare example in the UK of employees directly trading off pay against jobs.

The cut will affect the earnings of all the 1,000 employees at Leyland DAF's van plant in Birmingham. Most will have their wages cut by 5 per cent, or about £12.50 per week, from their average pay of £250. Some staff will also lose a 3 per cent rise awarded before Leyland DAF went into receivership. Directors could lose up to £3,000 a year.

Managers are expected later this week to reach a final agreement with the receivers to clinch the buy-out of the factory, which has lost 800 jobs since the collapse of its Dutch-owned parent company.

Leyland DAF said the money gained would be reinvested in the future of the company. John Allen, Midlands executive councillor of the AEEU, the engineering union, said that the move was principally to help the buy-out team. "We will be back as soon as the company is showing signs of profitability to seek a restoration of salaries."

The company said that to try to be fair to everyone, the new pay arrangements would include an element of profit-related pay.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will confirm today that the number of UK employees covered by the government's profit-related pay taxation arrangements now exceeds 1 million. The breaking of the 1 million threshold, was disclosed in *The Times*.

THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION

The 155th Annual General Meeting of members of the Scottish Provident Institution will be held on Tuesday, 18 May 1993 at 12 noon in the Head Office, 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, to consider the Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors, to elect Directors, to determine the remuneration of the Directors and to re-elect the Auditors.

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Eighties raider fights for survival


Tables turned: Pickens faces a three-fold threat

T. Boone Pickens's master company owes $1.2bn, says Philip Robinson

T. BOONE Pickens, the Texas corporate raider who struck fear into the hearts of oilmen with so-called greenmail raids in the eighties, is fighting for his corporate life.

With his John Wayne drawl, he preached shareholder value but says now that it may be several years before he can pay interest on the corporate debts of Mesa, his master company.

Standard & Poor's has $600-million-worth of Mesa bonds under credit review in case Mr Pickens fails to pay interest of $29.3 million due on May 1.

It already rates the debts as junk bonds, with a triple C minus ranking. Failure to make the next interest payment will push them down to D, the lowest S&P has available and viewed as the last stop before bankruptcy protection.

Mr Pickens has been in talks with bondholders for the past six weeks. He wants them to swap their debts for a zero-rated coupon which would not pay interest for almost four years.

The holders are led by the formidable Wilbur Ross, of Rothschild, who has a reputation for wringing the best deals from overstretched companies. He says progress has been made and talks continue this week.

But these are just a third of Mr Pickens's problems. Unocal, an oil company based in Los Angeles, is suing him for insider dealing in a technical case that could cost Mesa $150 million in damages. Unocal alleges that Mr Pickens's profits from his abortive 1985 attempt to take over Unocal was made with inside information. The case begins in June. Meanwhile, the value of Mr Pickens's treasured natural gas assets is likely to remain depressed. When he formed Mesa in 1985, the gas price was $2.68 per thousand cubic feet, but is unlikely to top $1.80 in the near future.

Mr Pickens was among the first of the eighties raiders to use junk bonds, in a 1983 run at Gulf Oil. The company was eventually rescued by Chevron for $13 billion, the largest US corporate takeover on record at the time.

Mr Pickens went on to hit and run at Unocal, Phillips and Diamond Shamrock, but the pickings became less and less. He made $214 million profit on the sale of Gulf shares, but just $3 million on Shamrock.

Now, Mesa has debts of $1.2 billion, and analysts say that even if it strikes a deal with the bondholders, it is likely to breach its banking covenants in the second half of this year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Haden pays £359,000 to former executives

PHILIP Ling and Mel Hawley, the former chairman and chief executive of Haden Maclellan, shared a £359,000 compensation payment, according to the company's accounts. Mr Hawley, who left in February 1992 after a year as chief executive, is also shown as receiving £209,000 as the highest paid director during the year to end-December 1992. Mr Ling, who left the company in September 1992, is shown as receiving £46,000 for his services as chairman until his departure. In 1992, Haden reported pre-tax profits of £4.3 million under the FRS3 accounting standard and cut the total dividend from 8p a share to 2p.

Greenacre improves

GREENACRE Group, the operator of private nursing homes, says it expects another strong performance this year and that it is well placed financially to continue with expansion plans. The company reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £913,160 to £1.36 million for the year to the end-January, with earnings of 0.57p a share, up from 0.47p. The final dividend is 0.15p a share (0.125p), making 0.28p a share (0.25p). Turnover rose from £3.03 million to £4.8 million.

Ivory & Sime offer

IVORY & Sime, the Scottish fund manager, is launching two investment schemes aimed at a wide range of investors who will earn a return from monthly share sales. The Income and Savings Investment Schemes, which will start early next month, take advantage of the annual capital gains tax allowance of £5,800 and the sale of shares will be free of charges. There is a monthly income plan and a monthly savings plan. Ivory & Sime hopes to attract £100 million in funds.

Dragon shows fire

STRONG performances by Pacific stock markets helped to lift EFM Dragon Trust's net asset value by 62 per cent, to 19.32p per share, in the six months to February 28. Dragon has a quarter of its assets in Thailand, where the Thai stock market index rose by 25.6 per cent in the period. It also has large exposure to Hong Kong. Revenue from investments grew from £430,000 to £697,000 but there is no dividend, in line with Dragon's aim of long-term capital growth.

Asda Property advances

ASDA Property Holdings is a changed company after the disposal of most of its tenanted residential portfolio for £36 million last year. Total sales in the year to December 31 were £70 million. Its investment portfolio saw a 12.5 per cent fall over the 12 months to £130 million, of which only £14 million is residential. Pre-tax profits increased from £4.4 million to £6 million. Earnings per share from 5.4p rose to 8.1p and the dividend is up 5 per cent to 2.1p per share, with a 1.45p final.

C&W in Asian venture

CABLE and Wireless, the international telecommunications group, and Hong Kong Telecom, its 58.4 per cent-owned subsidiary, are planning a joint venture company to invest in business opportunities in Asia including China. The new company will be owned 51 per cent by Cable and Wireless, which controls Mercury, British Telecom's rival, in the UK, and 49 per cent by Hong Kong Telecom, in which the government of China has a 20 per cent stake.

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High street sales rise strongest since end of 1991

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

■ Prospects on the high street are brighter but builders remain subdued and the outlook for unemployment in London and the South East is grim

HIGH street sales are growing faster than at any time since the end of 1991, according to figures from the Confederation of British Industry.

Ministers are likely to use the findings of the latest CBI distributive trades survey as further evidence to support claims that the recession is ending and economic recovery is under way.

Some CBI leaders continued to stress the need for caution in interpreting figures, but economic analysts expect signs of greater confidence to be reflected in a string of quarterly business surveys to be released over the next week by the British Chambers of Commerce, the Institute of Directors and the CBI itself, in its industrial trends report.

The CBI said that distributive sales — retailing, wholesaling and the motor trade — increased "significantly", year-on-year, in March. Of 15,000 retail outlets surveyed, those saying their sales were up exceeded those reporting a fall by 33 percentage points.

That compares with a negative balance of one percentage point in February. Distributors forecast continued year-on-year sales growth in April.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said: "The upturn seems to be starting to gather pace." He pointed out, though, that the improvement was not yet firmly established.

Wholesalers saw the strongest increase. Of those surveyed, a positive balance of 41 percentage points reported a rise. But retailing saw its third monthly increase, which the CBI described as a "sustained improvement in sales", leaving volumes only a little under average for the time of year. Small retailers, however, saw a decline: growth was limited to large stores and mail order companies.

The motor sector reported another strong increase, with the sharpest rise — a positive balance of 85 percentage points — occurring in parts and accessories.

Building materials producers confirmed the emerging signs of recovery, though the National Council of Building Material Producers said they offered "only partial relief" to the recession-hit construction industry. The council still forecasts a fall of 2.5 per cent in construction output this year, but expects a slight recovery, of 1.5 per cent, in 1994, and a stronger rise in 1995.

National Westminster Bank gave a warning that unemployment in London and the South East would rise by 124,000, or 13 per cent, over the next year, in spite of a slow, though accelerating, recovery in the region.

David Kern, NatWest's chief economist, said the upturn would arrive later in London and the South East and be more subdued. While evidence of recovery was strengthening, unemployment would continue to rise ahead of the national average.

Poll figures by Gallup for the European Commission showed that people remained cautious about any recovery. Only a fifth of those polled thought the financial position of their households would improve over the next 12 months; 30 per cent thought it would become worse.

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Tougher bread line: Garry Weston, ABF chairman, who is determined to compete with bakers offering cheaper own-label bread to supermarkets

ABF wins smaller slice of the action

By Our City Editor

SHARES in Associated British Foods, Britain's largest baker, fell 16p to 479p after it said its bread making suffered from "severe price competition in an industry with excess capacity".

Analysts believe that ABF has merely broken even on bread in the first half of its current year.

Garry Weston, the chairman, said that baking profits had fallen by £9 million or £10 million in the 24 weeks ending February 27, limiting the rise in pre-tax profits from £150 million to £161 million, based on the FRS3 accounting standard.

Stripping out last time's £11 million loss on the 21 per cent stake in Berisford International, ABF profits stood still and at the operating level fell from £145 million to £131 million on sales up 8 per cent to £2,044 million. ABF noted that its stake in Berisford rose in value by £15 million during the half year, but added that it would not reflect any change in the value of the holding until the full year.

ABF was helped by Black Wednesday, which fell at the start of the accounting period. The drop in interest rates boosted the value of ABF's gilt holdings, raising investment income on its £282 million cash pile from £35 million to £45 million.

The devaluation of the green pound helped profits at British Sugar rise by 10 per cent to £75 million. Analysts also attributed British Sugar's performance to a good crop and gains in productivity.

But ABF shops in the Irish Republic suffered intense competition, with profits falling from £23 million to £13 million on sales of £593 million, up 17 per cent. The first interim dividend has been held at 8.5p a share out of earnings up from 21.2p to 23.9p thanks to a fall in the tax charge.

Mr Weston said he would continue to tackle the problems in the bread market by competing with the independent bakers that have been offering cheaper own-label bread to the supermarkets. He expected that ABF as a whole would show some growth on the year.

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Hopes of German rate cut grow after French easing

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

THE French central bank, confident that the worst of the market assaults on the franc are behind it, lowered interest rates for the second time in a week, raising hopes that the Bundesbank will ease again at its council meeting on Thursday.

The new centre-right government of Edouard Balladur, the prime minister — who is today expected to reveal plans for making the Banque de France independent of the state — appears to have won market confidence that France will persist with its policy of keeping the franc firmly within the exchange-rate mechanism, despite its aim of spurring the economy.

The French economy contracted by 0.5 per cent in the final quarter of last year. The shrinkage is believed to have continued in the first three months of this year, as France kept up its interest-rate guard in defence of the franc.

The Banque de France yesterday cut its intervention rate, the floor for interbank rates, from 9.10 per cent to 8.75 per cent. This was the first cut in this rate for five months. The 5 to 10-day repurchase rate, which sets the upper limit of short-term rates was also lowered from 10 per cent to 9.75 per cent.

Only a week ago, the bank cut two percentage points of this rate.

Despite his desire to restore growth in the French economy, analysts believe M Balladur will probably have to wait for more cuts from the Bundesbank before further French easing is possible.

Avinash Persaud, currency analyst at UBS, said interest rate cuts within the ERM have become "self-reinforcing". But he said the French worries will only subside after the Danish referendum on May 18.

The latest rate cut failed to dent the franc, which closed in Paris at DM3.3778, almost unchanged from its opening level. The franc advanced to its strongest since December after the rate cut, despite the narrowing interest rate gap with Germany.

The Norwegian central bank also announced further rate cuts, paring a quarter point off its key overnight lending rate to 8.25 per cent. Central banks in Belgium and The Netherlands are expected to reduce their rates again this week.

The pound slipped back slightly against the mark, but gained against the retreating dollar. On its trade-weighted index, sterling close at 80.1, up 0.1 from Friday.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, yesterday commented that the present level of British interest rates was "comparible with economic recovery", suggesting that he is keen to consolidate the recent appreciation of sterling.

Piero Barucci, the Italian treasury minister, yesterday predicted the lira would not return to the ERM until June at the earliest.

The dollar plumbed new depths against the yen, falling to a low of Y110.70 in Far Eastern trading hours, after weekend talks between the American and Japanese leaders that underlined the gulf between Tokyo and Washington on trade policy.



Balladur: waiting for Bonn

Ibstock cuts payout after £27m loss

By Carl Mortished

IBSTOCK Johnsen, the bricks and paper pulp manufacturer, plunged into the red last year after a £28 million exceptional loss. The company has announced a cut in dividend to 1p from 6p in 1991.

The pre-tax loss of £27.5 million, compared with £10.5 million profit last time, and the cut in the payout were forecast in February.

The company has reduced fixed costs by pushing production through bigger plant at a time when demand is low and prices are under pressure.

Ibstock, which has about 9 per cent of the UK brick market, sold about 260 million bricks in the UK last year, down 30 million, while American production remained static at £400 million.

Margin pressure sent trading profit from bricks diving from £11.5 million to £3.2 million with American operations making a loss of £1.6 million for the year.

Ian Maclellan, managing director, said the objective was to raise brick prices. He noted that demand was picking up, with volumes up more than 10 per cent in the UK during the first few months of the year and reported some signs that prices were hardening for soft brick.

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Chrysler hit by health care costs

Special costs for employee health care plunged Chrysler almost $4.2 billion into the red in the first three months of this year. But the third largest US car maker, which had been pulling out of the recession much faster than General Motors and Ford, said without the charge, pre-tax operating profit was an $880 million quarterly record against a $13 million loss in the same period last year.

Robert Eaton, Chrysler chairman, said: "On an operating basis, this is our fourth consecutive profitable quarter." World-wide sales jumped 33 per cent to $10.9 billion and in Europe, where recession has hit several countries, Chrysler exported 13,786 vehicles, up 29.4 per cent.

Barclays buys in

BARCLAYS plans to buy the shares in Barclays Bank SA, its Spanish subsidiary, it does not already own, via a public offer which values the 8.78 per cent holding at £23 million. Barclays will offer Pta825 (£4.63) per share cash. Barclays said the largest minority shareholder will accept for his 4.06 per cent stake.

Bid talks end

Hélène, the clothing distributor, welcomed the departure of rival bidder Apax Partners for Gabicci, the casualwear company. Apax confirmed talks with Gabicci had ended. Hélène, offering shares worth £5.5 million, welcomed the removal of possible uncertainty surrounding its bid.

United ahead

Lord Stevens, chairman of United Newspapers, received an 18.1 per cent pay rise last year, says the annual report. His pay totalled £400,840, including a performance bonus of £41,125, against £339,425 in 1991. Pre-tax profits rose 125.2 per cent last year to £109.9 million (£48.8 million).

Exchange looking at Topic handover

By George Sivell, City Editor

THE handing over of the running of the London Stock Exchange's Topic share price and news information network to an outside company is expected to be discussed at a board meeting on Thursday.

Stock exchange directors are understood to want to keep the collection of company news and the share price dealing information but believe that Topic cannot compete with the large information services companies.

A decision to contract out the networking of Topic services would come soon after the decision to scrap Taurus, the share settlement system, after it failed in early tests, leading to the resignation of Peter Rawlins, the stock exchange's chief executive.

Topic has had problems as well. On the first day of electronic share dealing in autumn 1986, nicknamed Big Bang, the system failed, leaving brokers to deal with each other by telephone. Reuters later stepped up competition on share price and company news information after the rules on competition were amended under pressure from the Office of Fair Trading.

It is understood that the exchange would save the substantial costs of running the Topic system but would lose some revenue from providing the screens to dealers and brokers. However, the decision to scrap Taurus means the exchange no longer needs such large revenues.

A Bank of England working party is still looking at how to modernise the existing Talisman settlements system. The working party's report is due at the end of June, and the exchange will wait until then before taking a decision. Licensing a system, like the one operated by the Nasdaq market in America, seems possible.

Former Eagle Trust chief gets six years

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from 1987 into a mini-conglomerate dealing in camera hire and engineering. Along the way, Ferriday bought Paramount Airways, which he trumpeted as Britain's first non-smoking airline.

But behind the outward success story, Ferriday had set in train the business deal that was to bring him down. Eagle Trust made a cash-or-shares takeover bid for Samuelson, a film and lighting equipment company, in autumn 1987.

Black Monday saw Eagle shares fall and Samuelson shareholders took the cash option, leaving Ferriday with a massive underwriting commitment. To meet it, he stole from Eagle and routed the cash through Connect Parcels, a delivery company, and two off-shore companies.

In May 1989, Eagle Trust, with 32,000 investors, became insolvent and trading in the company was suspended. Ferriday fled to America in August that year but ten months later gave himself up to detectives at Manchester Airport. He never gave evidence at his trial but, when asked about the possibility of jail, said: "If you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen."

☐ The Serious Fraud Office said yesterday it was still considering its position regarding three other men who originally stood trial alongside Ferriday but were removed from trial, without being acquitted, on the direction of the judge. They are Richard Smith, 40, a former managing director of Eagle Trust; Martin Baker, 37, previously Eagle's finance director; and Leslie Goodwin, 42, a former chairman of Connect Parcels.

Berisford steps in with bid for Clarks

By Colin Campbell

BERISFORD International has, as expected, emerged as the potential bidder for C&J Clark, the 167-year-old British shoe manufacturer. It intends offering 213p cash a share, with a share and convertible loan stock alternative, plus a 26p deferred payment. This values Clarks at £165 million.

Clarks, which has 4,100 private shareholders, who are divided over the group's future, last saw its shares traded at 90p. A band of dissident Clarks shareholders, claiming to speak for more than half the eligible votes, said last night they would "fight this one all the way".

One of them, Michael Markham, said the plan "drives a coach and horses through Clarks' articles of association" and was against the spirit of the Companies Act. Clarks' shareholders will be asked on May 7 whether or not they wish the company to sell its brands and assets to Berisford. If a simple majority approves, Berisford will make a formal offer for Clarks. If that is not accepted, there is a mechanism whereby Berisford will still acquire Clarks' assets and brands, also for £165 million.



Bowkett: profit potential

To pay for the acquisition, Berisford will make a rights issue. The company's shares, which were last traded at 128p, remain suspended until after May 7.

Alan Bowkett, Berisford's chief executive, whose team has in the past two years brought the group back from the financial brink, said there were no other bidders for Clarks. Other parties that were once interested, including FII, another shoe company, and Electra, the venture capital group, backed away.

Mr Bowkett said Berisford wanted Clarks because of its worldwide brand names, its world markets and extensive manufacturing operations, and its potential for profits recovery.

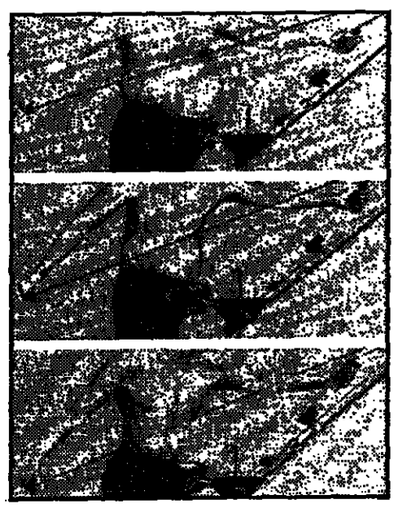
Clarks' turnover, £636 million in 1989, was down to £614.6 million in the year to January 31. Pre-tax profit over the same period fell from £28.3 million to £1.7 million.

Clarks shareholders last year sanctioned the setting-up of a "bid committee" that sought to resolve differences. Berisford's proposals are judged the "most attractive put forward", Clarks said.

Clarks' 11 directors have all said the proposed Berisford terms are "fair and reasonable"; seven of them have recommended acceptance.

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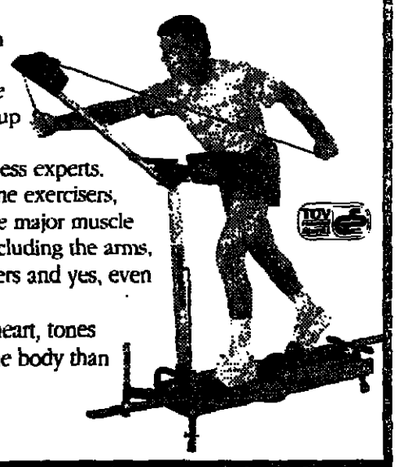
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STOCK MARKET

Utilities carry on as optimism wanes

THE recession-is-over bandwagon, driven by last week's flurry of positive economic indicators, rolled optimistically into the new trading account, with shares being marked up significantly throughout the morning.

The optimism, also fuelled by hopes that the Bundesbank might lower German rates on Thursday, failed initially even to be dented by a string of companies going ex-dividend — worth a negative 4.5 points on the FT-SE 100 index.

Towards late morning the index was sporting gains of nearly 20 points. Among equities being marked up were the utilities, hurt last week as institutions moved into cyclical recovery stocks.

A report that Natwest securities had turned bullish on the sector saw **Welsh Water** add 9p to 576, **North West Water** 7p to 498p, and **Thames Water** 6p to 519p. Flowing along in tandem were **Anglian Water**, up 5p to 510p, **Severn Trent** ahead 5p at 496p and **Southern Water** up 4p at 518p.

The electricity distributors also recovered. **Norweb** firmed 8p to 516p, while **Midlands Electricity** added the same to 486p. **East Midlands** were ahead 7p at 458p. **London Electricity** added 6p to 476p, and **Eastern Electricity** rose 4p to 470p. Among the generators, **National Power** moved 3p higher to 344p, as did **Powergen** to 350p.

But as the day progressed, the FT-SE's confident beginning began to fray from factors ranging from disappointing company results and statements to the negative pressure of the ex-dividend stocks and a weak opening on Wall Street.

Dealers also began to ponder, against depressingly flat share trading volume, whether the Chancellor is as much in thrall to Bundesbank moves on German interest rates as conventional wisdom once had it. The FT-SE 100 ended the day up just 5.6 points at 2,830. Volume at the end was a thin 461.8 million shares.

Among the corporate announcements which helped to pull back the earlier gains was Garry Weston's **Associated British Foods**, where disappointing interim results clipped the shares 11p to 484p, and **Eurotunnel**, off 20p to 440p. The latter was due to the continuing strident dispute between the tunnel operator and the 10-strong Transmanche Anglo-French construction consortium over cost overruns on the £9 billion project. It now appears the tunnel's completion, already put back from this summer to next December, might now not bloom before next spring.

Meanwhile, Tim Potter, **AB Foods**-watcher at Smith New Court, said the numbers were disappointing and the shares remained a "sell." They fell 16p to 479p He is sticking with his full-year pre-tax forecast for the group of £302 million. "The company is regarded as a resilient, archetypal defensive stock and market conditions are not favourable to that type of investment at present," he said.

Wembley, whose flagship stadium has seen much activity in recent weeks, were off 2p at 16p, before results later this week.

Smith New Court, the company broker, thinks trading will be breakeven, but that exceptional debits could push Wembley into final pre-tax losses of around £17 million.

Ibstock Johnsen, the brickmaker, added 3p to 54p despite a well-flagged loss of £27.6 million for the year to end-December. The bulls are talking recovery play. But sceptics like Mark Hake, an analyst at Nikko Securities, say it is more a "don't-hold-your-breath" play. He predicts a further £4 million loss this year, followed by a modest £1.5 million return to profit in 1994.

"The collapse in pulp prices has affected Ibstock's pulp division badly and I think any recovery will be a long time coming," said Mr Hake.

Another doubter — this time of cheaper money from Mr Lamont — is Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull. He said the recent positive data indicated that recovery was under way without further government stimulus via eased monetary policy.

But the optimism persists and helped to push the banks ahead. **NatWest** and **Barclays** both firmed, by 7p to 462p, and 6p to 414p respectively. **TSB** added 2p to 180p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** rose 3p to 257p, **Lloyds** fell a penny to 525p after 530p earlier, and **Abbey National** firmed 6p to 378p.

The adage that breaking up is hard to do was spotlighted by the differing treatments to two of Britain's biggest names, **British Aerospace** and **ICI**. While BAe added 15p to 289p on reports of a leading broker giving the group a £6 a share break-up value, ICI lost 12p to £11.79 on comment that hiving off the drugs arm from chemicals will make the two individuals less than the married couple. The prospectus on the flotation of Zeneca is due tomorrow. Meanwhile, among the insurers, **General Accident** — one of the many which went ex-dividend yesterday — fell 14p to 576p. It was reported that the descent was nudged on also by a sell note from Natwest Securities but this was later denied by the broker.

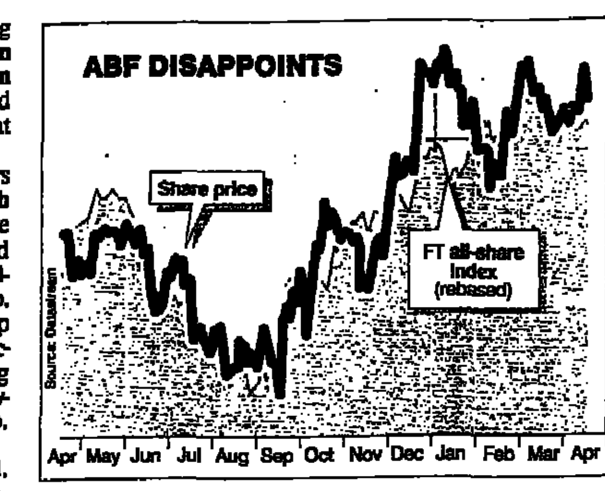
Gilts traded quietly, generally, and around one-eighth down before today's details on the £2-£3 billion treasury auction due later this week. The increased risk of inflation had helped to depress sentiment, said one dealer.

Sterling eased up slightly against the dollar to $1.54 compared with its opening level of $1.5295. The pound fell back a little against the D-mark to 2.4630 against an opening level of 2.4678.

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A positive recommendation from CL Laing, the broker, helped lift Brixton Estate, the property group, 5p to 189p. Laing says it is its favourite performer in a sector which it says has become synonymous with dividend cuts and rescue rights and convertible issues. Laing forecasts a total dividend of 8.4p when the company announces results soon.

The market gained a little confidence when Smith New Court confirmed it has joined the chorus of economic optimism. SNC said in the past month it has issued as many profit upgrades as downgrades, contrasting markedly with the more bearish stance up to early March when two downgrade notes went out for each upgrade.



WORLD MARKETS

Program selling hits Dow in late morning

New York — Shares were brought down by program selling in late morning trading but traders expected a small bounce before the close.

"Program selling has hit the tape," said Ron Doran, director of institutional trading at C L King and Associates. "It's the reverse of Friday when we were boosted by program buying."

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 15 points at 3,464 and shares falling in value led those advancing by almost two to one.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The 30-share DAX index was expected to test 1,700 this week after solid gains yesterday based on speculation that the Bundesbank will cut its 9 per cent Lombard rate and possibly also its 7.5 per cent discount rate on Thursday. With financials benefiting especially from the rate talk, the DAX rose 14.45 points or 0.86 per cent to close at 1,693.30.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares slipped as profit takers cashed in on last week's gains, dragging the key market indicator below 1,700 points. "There has been quite a bit of profit-taking predicated by the fact that the Nikkei dropped below 20,000 for the first time in a while. All the leaders are being sold off, led by BHP and National Australia, but it is a healthy respite," a broker said. The All-ordinaries index closed down 6.8 points at 1696.4.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market closed slightly lower amid light profit-taking aimed at bank shares, brokers said. The blue chip Hang Seng index lost 17.00 points to end the day at 6,680.15, after reaching a day's high of 6,709.38 in early afternoon trade.

☐ **Singapore** — The 30-share Straits Times industrial index recorded a new closing high of 1,772.02, the fourth straight session it has ended at a new closing high, dealers said. The index, which rose 8.67 points from Friday's close, was supported by institutional and retail buying but was off the all-time traded high of 1,781.39 set earlier in the day.

Nikkei slides as yen reaches post-war high against dollar

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

SHARES closed lower in Tokyo yesterday on profit-taking triggered by the sharp rise in the yen against the dollar, but the Nikkei average crawled back above the 20,000 level on arbitrage buying.

During early trading, the Nikkei had fallen below that psychological support level for the first time since last Tuesday.

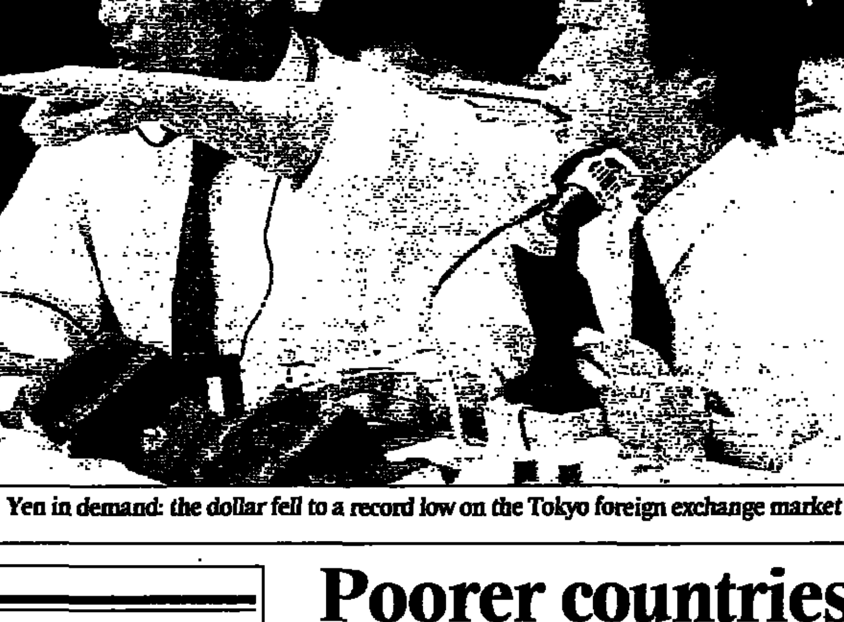
"The Nikkei had risen about 4,000 points in a month and a half, and needed a substantial push to test the upside," said Koichi Osada, an analyst with Nikko Securities. "I would say today's losses were modest compared with those gains." The 225-share Nikkei average slid 185.52 points or 0.91 per cent to 20,112.34, with an estimated 370 million shares traded, compared with 750 million on Friday.

The market had opened lower after the yen's rise against the dollar in New York on Friday and kept sliding to a low of 19,890.47, down 407.39, as the yen kept climbing.

But buying by public pension funds and arbitrageurs came in during the afternoon and pushed prices back up. Brokers said that all eyes were now on Japan's March money supply data, which is due for release today. They said bargain-hunting was likely to emerge if the figures show continued growth, but if the data show money supply had shrunk, the market may be in for a strong correction.

The brokers added that the market was standing on fragile ground as the recent bull run had been driven mainly by individuals and brokerage dealers on short-term buying.

☐ The dollar plunged to a post-war record low of 111.40 yen at the opening of trading in Tokyo yesterday and continued to fall all day to a new record closing low of Y110.95.


Yen in demand: the dollar fell to a record low on the Tokyo foreign exchange market

WALL STREET

	Apr 19 midday	Apr 16 close
AMP Inc	60⅛	60
AMR Corp	66⅝	68⅛
Abbott Labs	25⅝	25⅛
Aetna Life	51¼	51
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅝	18⅛
Air Prod & Chem	43⅞	44½
Albertson's	54⅞	54¼
Alcan Aluminum	18½	18⅝
Alco Standard	46⅞	47⅝
Allied Signal	69⅞	70⅛
Alum Co of Am	63⅝	63⅞
Amax	16½	16⅝
Amerada Hess	54¼	54¼
Amer Brands	31½	31
Amer Cyanamid	51¼	50⅞
Amer El Power	38	38⅛
Amer Express	28⅝	29
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	33
Amer Home Pr	65⅞	65⅛
Amer Intl	130⅞	131½
Amer Stores	40⅝	40⅝
Amer T & T	59⅝	60
Ameritech	79⅛	80
Amoco	58⅝	59¼
Anheuser-Busch	51	51¼
Apple Computer	48⅝	48⅛
Archer Daniels	24¼	24½
Arkla	9⅛	9½
Armco	6⅞	7
Armstrng Wrld	33½	33⅝
Asarco	20⅞	20⅝
Ashland Oil	26⅞	27⅝
Atl Richfield	125⅝	125⅝
Auto Data Pro	48⅝	48⅝
Avery Dennison	30⅛	30⅛
Avon Products	59	60
Baker Hughes	27⅞	28⅝
Baltim Gas & El	25⅞	26⅛
Banc One	39⅝	39⅞
BankAmerica	52⅝	53⅝
Bank of NY	59⅝	60⅝
Bankers Tr NY	77½	77⅛
Barnett Banks	46⅞	47⅛
Bausch & Lomb	49⅝	50⅛
Baxter Intl	29⅛	29⅝
Bectn Dickinsn	34⅝	34⅞
Bell Atlantic	54½	54⅛
BellSouth	56⅝	56½
Black & Decker	18	18⅛
Block (H&R)	34	34
Boeing	37½	37⅛
Boise Cascade	25⅝	24⅝
Borden Inc	25⅝	25½
Bristol Myrs Sq	60⅝	59⅞
Browning Ferris	27⅛	27⅝
Burlington Nthn	58⅝	58⅛
CBS	237	236½
CNA Financial	99⅝	99⅝
CPC Intl	41½	42
CSX	76⅞	77
Campbell Soup	39	39⅛
Can Pacific	16⅛	15⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	542	547⅞
Cpd Holdings	83⅞	83⅞
Carolina Pwr	33⅝	34
Caterpillar	62	61½
Central & SW	33½	34½
Champion Intl	32⅝	32⅞
Chase Manhat	34⅛	36⅛
Chemical Bk	40⅝	41½
Chevron Corp	84½	84⅝
Chrysler	41½	43⅝
Chubb Corp	94	94½
Cigna Corp	62⅛	62½
Citicorp	29⅝	30
Clorox	48⅝	48
Coastal Corp	27⅞	28
Coca Cola	38	38
Colgate-Palmolive	58⅛	59
Columbia Gas	23⅞	23⅝
Commonw Ed	29⅝	29⅝
Compaq Comp	50	50½
Comp Ass Int	22⅝	23
Conagra	24⅛	24⅝
Cons Edison	36½	37½
Cons Nat Gas	49⅞	49⅝
Cons Rail	58⅝	59⅛
Cooper Inds	48⅛	48
Corning Inc	34¼	34¼
Crown Cork	39⅛	39⅝
Dana Corp	47¼	47⅛
Dayton Hudson	74	73⅝
Deere	58⅛	58⅞
Delta Air Lines	56½	57⅛
Deluxe Corp	47⅝	46⅝
Detroit Edison	35⅝	36½
Digital Equip	41¼	41⅛
Dillard Dept St	37⅞	38⅝
Disney (Walt)	41½	41½
Dominion Res	44⅝	44⅞
Donnelley (RR)	28⅛	28⅛
Dover Corp	49⅝	49⅛
Dow Chemicals	51½	50⅞
Dow Jones	32	32⅛
Dresser	21½	21¼
Duke Power	40⅞	41½
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅝	58⅛
Du Pont	53	53½
Eastman Kodak	55¼	55⅝
Exxon Corp	91¼	90⅞
Emerson Elec	59⅝	60⅛
Engelhard Corp	36⅝	36⅝
Enron Corp	60⅞	60⅞
Entergy Corp	37¼	38
Ethyl Corp	29⅝	30
Exxon	68⅝	69
FMC Corp	45⅝	46⅛
FPL Group	37⅝	38⅛
Federal Express	53⅝	55⅛
Fed Nat Mige	81½	82⅝
First Chicago	42⅛	43⅝
First Interstate	60⅞	60⅛
First Union Rlty	12⅛	12⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	35⅝	35⅛
Fluor Corp	43	43
Ford Motor	54⅝	55⅛
GTE Corp	36	36⅝
Gannett	53	53⅞
Gap Inc Del	28⅛	29⅛
Gen Cinema	35⅝	35⅝
Gen Dynamics	97⅛	98⅛
Gen Electric	95⅝	95⅞
Gen Mills	65⅝	65⅞
Gen Motors	40⅛	40⅛
Gen Reinsurance	121½	122
Gen Signal	63½	63⅛
Genuine Parts	34⅝	35
Georgia Pac	66	66½
Gillette	49	49
Glaxo ADR	17⅛	16⅞
Goodrich (BF)	47⅛	47⅝
Goodyear Tire	76⅛	76⅝
Grace (W&R)	40⅞	40⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29	28⅞
Great Wstn Fin	17⅝	18⅛
Halliburton	38⅝	38⅝
Heinz (HJ)	37	37½
Hercules	76⅛	77⅛
Hershey Foods	52⅝	52½
Hewlett Packard	73	74½
Hilton Hotels	45⅞	46⅝
Home Depot	41½	41
Homestake	14½	14
Honeywell	33⅛	33⅝
Household Intl	72⅛	72½
Houston Inds	47⅛	48⅛
Humana	7⅛	6⅞
ITT Corp	83⅝	84⅛
Illinois Tool	74½	75⅛
INCO	23⅛	23⅛
Ingersoll Rand	31¼	31⅛
Inland Steel	22⅝	22⅛
Intel Corp	97	118
IBM	49⅝	49
Intl Flav & Fr	114½	116⅛
Intl Paper	64⅞	65
James River Va	19⅛	19⅛
Johnsn & Jhnsn	40⅛	39⅝
K Mart	22⅝	22⅝
Kellogg	56⅛	56⅞
Kerr-McGee	48⅝	49⅛
Kimberly-Clark	48⅛	49⅝
Knight-Ridder	57⅝	57⅛
Lilly (Eli)	45⅛	45⅛
Limited Inc	23⅝	23⅝
LIN Brdcstng	82	82
Lincoln Nat	82⅝	82⅛
Litton	59⅝	59⅝
Liz Claiborne	35⅝	35
Lockheed Corp	64⅝	64⅛
Louisiana Pac	75⅝	75⅛
MCI Commun	47⅛	47⅛
Marriott	25⅝	25⅝
Marsh & McLnn	94⅝	94⅛
Martin Marietta	74⅝	74⅝
Masco Corp	32⅛	32⅛
May Dept St	71⅝	71⅛
Maytag Corp	13½	13½
McCaw Cellular	35⅞	35½
McDonalds	48	49
McDonnell D	59⅝	60⅛
McGraw Hill	62⅛	63⅛
Mead Corp	43⅛	43⅝
Medtronic	64⅛	61⅛
Mellon Bk	62⅛	63½
Melville Corp	44⅝	45
Merck Inc	34⅛	34
Merrill Lynch	75⅛	76⅛
Minnesota Mine	115⅝	116
Mobil Corp	69⅛	70⅛
Monsanto	54½	54½
Morgan (JP)	73⅛	74
Motorola Inc	69⅝	71½
Natl Medical	7⅛	7⅛
Natl Semi	12½	13
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	25⅝
Navistar Int	2½	2½
NBD Bancorp	34⅝	34½
NY Times A	29⅝	30⅛
Newmont Mng	42⅝	41⅛
Niag Mohawk	22⅛	22⅝
Nike B	72	72½
NL Industries	5⅛	5⅝
Nordstrom	29⅛	28⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	65⅛	65⅝
Nthn State Pwr	46⅝	46⅛
Norwest Corp	51½	52⅛
Nynex Corp	89	89⅝
Occidental Pet	22⅛	22⅛
Ohio Edison	25⅝	25⅝
Oracle Systems	32⅝	33⅝
Oryx Energy Co	24⅝	24⅝
PNC Financial	34	34½
PPG Industries	74⅝	74⅛
Paccar Inc	65⅛	65⅞
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	24⅝	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅛	34⅝
Pac Telesis	48⅛	49⅛
Pall Corp	19¼	19
Panhandle East	23⅝	23⅝
Paramnt Comm	50⅝	50⅝
Parker Hannifin	29⅝	29⅝
Penney (JC)	83⅛	82⅛
Pennzoil	61	60⅝
Pepsico	36⅛	37
Pfizer	61⅝	60⅛
Phelps Dodge	44½	43⅝
Philadel Elec	30⅝	30⅝
Philip Morris	49⅝	48⅝
Phillips Pet	30⅛	30
Pitney Bowes	42⅛	43⅛
Polaroid	28⅛	28⅛
Price Co	29⅝	29
Primerica	46⅛	47⅛
Procter & Gmbl	48	48⅝
Pub Serv E & G	34⅝	34⅝
Quaker Oats	62⅛	63⅛
Ralston Purina	47⅝	47⅝
Raychem Corp	41	41½
Raytheon	59	59⅝
Reebok Intl	32⅝	33⅛
Reynolds Metals	46⅛	45⅝
Roadway Srvs	60⅝	60⅛
Rockwell Intl	34	34⅛
Rohm & Haas	60⅝	59⅛
Royal Dutch	90⅛	89⅝
Rubbermaid	30⅛	32⅝
Safeco Corp	63⅛	63⅛
St Paul's Cos	80⅛	79⅛
Salomon Inc	38⅛	37⅛
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅛	15⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25	25
Scecorp	48⅛	48⅛
Schering Plough	61⅛	59⅞
Schlumberger	64⅝	66
Scott Paper	35⅝	35
Seagram	28⅛	28⅛
Sears Roebuck	53⅝	53⅝
Shell Trans	54⅛	54⅛
Sherwin Wilms	33	33⅛
Skyline Corp	20⅛	20⅛
Snap-On-Tools	33⅛	33⅛
Southern Co	44⅝	45
Sthwestern Bell	80⅝	80⅛
Sprint Corp	32⅝	33
Stanley Works	47	47⅛
Sun Company	24⅛	24⅝
Suntrust	47⅝	48⅛
Supervalu	31⅛	32⅛
Syntex Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Sysco Corp	23	22⅛
TRW Inc	67⅛	66⅛
Tandem Comp	11⅛	12⅛
Tandy Corp	29⅝	29⅛
Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Teledyne	20½	21⅛
Temple Inland	45⅛	46⅛
Tenneco	48	48
Texaco	64⅛	64⅛
Texas Inst	52⅛	54⅝
Texas Utilities	46⅛	47
Textron	48	48
Time Warner	34⅝	34⅝
Times-Mirror	31⅛	31⅛
Timken	29⅝	29⅛
Torchmark	58⅝	58⅝
Toys R Us	38	38⅛
Transamerica	54⅝	54⅝
Travelers Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Tribune	55⅝	55⅝
Tyco Labs	44⅛	44⅝
UAL Corp	142⅛	145⅛
UST Inc	29⅛	29
USX Marathon	18⅛	18⅛
Unilever NV	115⅝	114⅛
Union Camp	44⅝	44⅛
Union Carbide	19⅛	19⅛
Union Pacific	65⅛	65⅝
Unisys Corp	12⅛	13⅛
USAIR Group	22⅛	22⅛
USF&G Corp	19⅛	19⅛
US Life	38	38⅛
US West	43⅝	43⅝
United Tech	50⅝	49⅝
Unocal Corp	31½	31
Upjohn	29⅝	29⅝
VF Corp	51	51½
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅝	26⅝
Warner-Lambert	71⅝	70⅝
Waste Mgmnt Inc	33⅝	33⅝
Wells Fargo	121½	120
Westinghouse El	15⅝	15⅛
Weyerhaeuser	44⅛	45⅛
Whirlpool	54⅛	55⅛
Whitman	13⅛	13⅝
Winn Dixie	55	56⅛
Woolworth	29⅛	29⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31½	31½
Xerox	79⅛	80⅛

Poorer countries 'will grow faster'

FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

OUTPUT of developing countries is likely to grow at an average of about 4.7 per cent a year over the next decade, nearly double what they achieved in the 1980s, according to projections from the World Bank.

The international lending agency said the increased economic power of developing countries reflected "wide-ranging, and often painful, economic policy reforms", rather than greatly increased aid from wealthier countries.

Developing countries grew by 2.7 per cent a year between 1982 and 1992. In Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, growth is expected to increase by about two percentage points a year through the 1990s as the shift to a market economy begins to pay off.

Latin America is expected to continue its recovery. Sub-Saharan Africa is also expected to grow faster, but not much faster than population.

The Middle East and North Africa are expected to move ahead by 4 or 5 per cent, the fastest since the 1970s.

Growth in East Asia is forecast to be significant.

RECENT ISSUES

Anglo United Wts	½	...
Brown (D) (170)	217	+3
David Lloyd Leisure (150)	171	+1
Fleming Emerging Mkts	103	...
Frgn & Col US Smler Co	102	...
Frgn & Col US Smler Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	...
Holliday Chemical (195)	209	...
Pilot Ivstmnt Tst (100)	97½	...
Pilot Ivstmnt Wts	27	...
Quality Software (380)	479	+10
Westminster Hlthcre	286	+2
Yorkshire Fd (110)	131	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bemrose n/p (265)	62	...
Bilston & Btrsea n/p (20)	9	...
Channel Hldgs n/p (23)	1½	...
Clyde Pet n/p (44)	2¼	...
Ensor n/p (10)	¼	...
Harris (P) n/p (200)	13	-2
Ingham n/p (100)	13	+2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Standard Chart	723p (+18p)
Whitbread 'B'	885p (+10p)
SKF 'B'	675p (+12½p)
Smithkline	432p (+13p)
Lloyds Abbey	416p (+12p)
Br Aerospace	288p (+14p)
Quarto	224p (+18p)
Sappi	350p (+17p)
Sage Group	584p (+15p)
Govett	297p (+14p)
Sothebys	850p (+12p)
Amber Ind	365p (+20p)

FALLS:

Wellcome	702p (-22p)
Liberty Life	803p (-29p)
Euro Disney	983p (-22p)
J Smurfit	262p (-12p)
Hammerson	354p (-11p)
Eurotunnel Uts	440p (-20p)

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BRITISH FUNDS

Longs gained, and shorts lost ground yesterday, following on from Friday's slight rise in the retail prices index, although the market is holding on for details due today of the Bank's April 28 stock auction. The key 10 per cent 1996 stock fell from £109³⁰/₃₂ to £109²³/₃₂ at which it yields 6.89 per cent and 9 per cent 2008 stock rose from £106⁷/₃₂ to £106¹³/₃₂ to yield 8.25 per cent. Analysts say the growing economic recovery is limiting the market, especially in shorts, because of the receding prospects of a base interest rate cut, whatever happens to German rates after Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting and despite yesterday's cut in the French intervention rate. The Bank is expected to auction £3 billion of a five-year bond. The existing 7¼ per cent 1998 gilt yielded 6.99 per cent at last night's close of £101¹/₃₂.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103⅞	101⅜	Treas 12¼% 1993	101⅞	-⅛	12.31	5.73
100⅞	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100⅛	-⅛	6.00	5.75
106⅝	104½	Treas 13¾% 1993	104½ †	-⅛	13.16	5.95
102⅞	101⅜	Treas 8¼% 1994	101⅞	-⅛	8.34	5.98
109⅛	106⅛	Treas 14½% 1994	107⅛	-⅛	13.55	5.95
109⅞	107⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	107⅞ †	-⅛	12.58	6.03
106⅞	104⅛	Treas 10% 1994	104⅛	-⅛	9.60	6.10
110⅛	107⅝	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅝	-⅛	11.58	6.28
105⅝	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104 †	-⅛	8.65	6.32
111⅝	109⅛	Treas 12% 1995	109⅛	-⅛	11.00	6.49
96⅞	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅞ †	...	3.12	5.06
109⅝	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅝	-⅛	9.52	6.52
116⅝	114⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅛ †	-⅛	11.16	6.62
120⅝	117⅝	Treas 14% 1996	117⅝	-⅛	11.88	6.76
125⅛	122⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅛ †	-⅛	12.45	6.88
120⅛	116⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅝ †	-⅛	11.29	6.88
111½	109	Conv 10% 1996	109⅝ †	-⅛	9.12	6.87
122⅛	119⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅝	-⅛	11.05	7.08
113⅛	110⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	111⅛	-⅛	9.42	7.03
108⅛	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	106⅛	-⅛	8.21	7.00
132⅛	128⅝	Exch 15% 1997	129⅛ †	-⅛	11.60	7.25
112½	109⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	110⅛	-⅛	8.85	7.18
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103½	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	-⅛	7.18	6.98
101	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99⅛ †	-⅛	6.79	6.86
139⅝	134⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	135⅝	-⅛	11.44	7.42
122⅛	118⅝	Exch 12% 1998	119⅝ †	-⅛	10.02	7.36
112⅛	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	109⅝	-⅛	8.65	7.34
124⅝	120⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	121⅝	-⅛	10.06	7.61
117⅝	113⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	114⅝ †	-⅛	9.17	7.46
117⅝	112⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	114⅛ †	-⅛	8.99	7.49
110⅝	106	Conv 9% 2000	108⅛	-⅛	8.32	7.42
131	125⅛	Treas 13% 2000	128⅛	-⅛	10.15	7.83
115⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	112⅝	-⅛	8.87	7.77
129⅛	125⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	126⅝ †	-⅛	11.06	7.59
114⅝	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	112⅝	-⅛	8.70	7.89
103⅝	97⅛	Treas 8% 2003	101⅛	+⅛	7.91	7.81
116⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2003	113⅝	...	8.79	8.00
122⅝	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119⅝	-⅛	9.60	8.04
74⅝	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71⅝	-⅛	4.91	7.26
112⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	110⅛ †	-⅛	8.63	8.11
112⅝	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	110⅛	+⅛	8.62	8.14
131½	124⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128⅝ †	+⅛	9.71	8.34
101⅝	94⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅛	+⅛	8.04	8.08
125⅝	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122⅝	+⅛	9.56	8.27
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅛	-⅛	8.32	8.22
139⅝	131⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136⅛	-⅛	9.90	8.34
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅝	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	106⅛ †	+⅛	8.47	8.25
99⅝	92⅛	Treas 8% 2009	97⅛	-⅛	8.21	8.30
108⅝	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	105⅝	+⅛	8.53	8.38
108⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	105⅝	+⅛	8.53	8.40
78⅝	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75⅛	-⅛	7.33	8.07
97⅝	89⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94⅝	+⅛	8.22	8.32
135⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	132⅛	-⅛	9.09	8.62
105⅝	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅝	+⅛	8.51	8.45
		UNDATED				
48⅛	43⅛	Consols 4%	46⅝	-⅛	8.52	...
42⅛	38⅝	War Ln 3½%	41⅛	-⅛	8.52	...
63	60⅛	Conv 3½%	62⅝	-⅛	5.62	...
31⅛	28⅛	Consols 2½%	31	-⅛	8.06	...
30⅛	27⅝	Treas 2½%	29⅝	-⅛	8.46	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅛	131⅝	Treas IL 2% 1994	133⅛ †	...	...	0.86
197⅛	194⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	196⅛	...	1.61	2.43
109⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛ †	+⅛	2.13	2.75
166⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅝	...	2.66	3.03
163⅝	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅛ †	...	2.80	3.11
111⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4¼% 2004	110⅛ †	+⅛	2.94	3.24
170⅛	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	166⅛	-⅛	2.97	3.21
154⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅛ †	...	3.20	3.41
159⅝	148⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅛	...	3.27	3.46
131⅛	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅛	...	3.34	3.51
139⅝	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137⅛	-⅛	3.40	3.57
133⅝	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅛	-⅛	3.46	3.60
111⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109⅛	-⅛	3.50	3.63
111⅝	103⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅝	-⅛	3.51	3.64

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LEGAL NOTICES

FLEET DISPOSAL SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire on Tuesday 27th April 1993 at 10.00 am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the company's offices at 642-643 Ajax Avenue, Trading Estate, Slough, Berkshire and at the offices of Price Waterhouse at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire on Friday 23rd April 1993 and Monday 26th April 1993.
Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB by 12.00pm Monday 26th April 1993 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address.
By order of the board
14th April 1993
Christine Anne Collins
Secretary
Fleet Disposal Services Limited

F P FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 28 April 1993 at 12pm, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 26 April 1993 and 27 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
D J Thoroughgood,
Director.

PLOWRIGHT MAINTENANCE LIMITED
AIR CONDITIONING LONDON LIMITED
ROUTINE SERVICE MAINTENANCE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above-named companies will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 27 April 1993 at 10am, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 23 April 1993 and 26 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
G J Marchesi, Director.

REFLEX ELECTRICAL LIMITED
JOHN LELLIOTT ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED
ELECTRICAL SITE SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above-named companies will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 27 April 1993 at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm respectively, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 23 April 1993 and 26 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
A J Armsby, Director.

J L JOINERY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 28 April 1993 at 11am, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 26 April 1993 and 27 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
D J Thoroughgood, Director.

JOHN LELLIOTT GROUP PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 28 April 1993 at 10am, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrews Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 26 April 1993 and 27 April 1993.
15 April 1993
By order of the Board
R E P Browne, Director

NOTICE OF CREDITORS' MEETING UNDER SECTION 48(2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Natsign Limited (formerly The Stone Group Limited) Company Number: 2384358
Ginoclass Limited (formerly Renofors (GB) Limited), 1984552. Labista Limited (formerly Nigel Cox Limited), 1581401. Scylla Limited (formerly Harvey Damer Limited), 2003193. Harlyford Holdings Limited, 2407227. Rodpride Limited (formerly Whitehead's Contracting Limited), 2332426. Holtost Limited (formerly Szerelmey (Restoration) Limited), 1069435. Hilmost Limited (formerly Szerelmey (GB) Limited), 1842156. Wolfhouse Limited (formerly Szerelmey Cox (London) Limited), 2417609. Wide Expanse Limited (formerly Szerelmey Cox Limited) (In Liquidation), 2407057
All Registered in England and Wales
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named companies will be held at: London Press Centre, New Street Square, London EC4A 3JB on Tuesday, 27 April 1993 at 10.00 am. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a) they have delivered to us at the address shown below, no later than noon on 26 April 1993, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his or her behalf.
Please note that the original proxy signed by or on behalf of the creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned below: photocopies (including faxed copies) are not acceptable.
Date: 13.04.93
T R Harris
Joint Administrative Receiver
Coopers & Lybrand
Room 1 08 St Andrew's House
20 St Andrew Street
London EC4A 3AY

WESTERN MECHANICAL SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 27 April 1993 at 10am, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 23 April 1993 and 26 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
G J Marchesi, Director.

ONLINE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
JOHN LELLIOTT (STRUCTURAL RENOVATIONS) LIMITED
JOHN LELLIOTT SPECIALIST CONTRACTING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above-named companies will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 27 April 1993 at 2pm, 3pm and 3.45pm respectively, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 23 April 1993 and 26 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
D J Thoroughgood
Director.

ONLINE SYSTEMS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 27 April 1993 at 11am, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 23 April 1993 and 26 April 1993.
15 April 1993
By order of the Board
A J Armsby, Director

H & E Engineers Limited
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 529338
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1M 1LB on 29 April 1993 at 1400 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 28 April 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
R Hocking
Joint Administrative Receiver

RIVERSIDE MOULDINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 28 April 1993 at 2pm, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 26 April 1993 and 27 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
A D P Evans, Director.

Solutions II Limited
Registered number: 2401512. Trading name: Solutions II. Nature of business: Dealers in office equipment. Trade classification: 21. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Raymond Hocking and George Albert Auger (office holder nos 2322 and 10671). Address: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY COMPANY (CITY) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY, on 27 April 1993 at 4pm, for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY between the hours of 10am and 5pm on 23 April 1993 and 26 April 1993.
14 April 1993
By order of the Board
A J Armsby, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

TPC (1990) LIMITED
(In Receivership and Liquidation)
formerly THE PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 105 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the members of the above named company will be held at Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton SO1 1XF at 10.30am on 19 May 1993 to be followed at 11.00am by a general meeting of creditors, for the purpose of:-
(a) having laid before them an account of the liquidator's acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up during the year ended 28 February 1993.
(b) hearing any explanations that may be given by the liquidators.
A member or creditor entitled to vote at either of the above meetings may appoint a proxy holder to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy holder need not be a member or creditor of the company. Proxies for use at either of the meetings must be lodged at the office of Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton SO1 1XF no later than 12 noon on 18 May 1993. Please note the original proxy signed by or on behalf of the member or creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned, photocopies (including faxed copies) are not acceptable.
Dated this 14 day of April 1993
P S Padmore, Joint Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: Levy Family Charitable Trusts.
1 Bertha Levy 2. Maurice Levy 3. Abraham Joseph Levy 4. George Lewis Levy
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for these charities. A copy of the draft Scheme can been seen at Stuart Young House, 221 Golders Green Road, London, NW11 9DQ, or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting references SL222878A/3: 222380: 222381: 222379-CD(Ldn)1. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Sixtyseventh Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society will be held in The Glasgow Hilton Hotel, 1 William Street, Glasgow G3 8HT on Wednesday 28th April 1993 at 11.00 a.m.

By Order of the Directors
J. C. Mitchell, Secretary
Amicable House, 150 St. Vincent Street
Glasgow G2 5NQ
10th March 1993

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THE TIMES

Into Morgan's garden. Maude

Greig tolling

NEWS that Greig Middleton the stockbroker, is expanding into Edinburgh has struck some terror into the hearts of senior management at Bell Lawrie White, the Scottish stockbroking firm bought

Morton's tunnel vision now in the hands of contractors

As the Channel project runs into more trouble, **Martin Waller** looks at the animosity that exists between Eurotunnel and TML, the contractor



End of the line: the Channel terminal at Folkestone. Above left, Sir Alastair and, right, Jack Lemley

Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, is a combative man not averse to singling out his critics for personal criticism in return. He is also one of the very few with the necessary qualities of endurance, pluck, drive and experience of tough situations to kick-start one of the engineering wonders of the world. It has been questioned whether he is the right man to finish the project. Sir Alastair loathes being forced to concede anything, but he has had to accept that the future of the Channel tunnel is effectively out of his hands and in those of the contractors.

Any builder is in charge of the site until the building is finished. But it was significant that yesterday, for the first time since the November 1987 share issue and simultaneous start of drilling work on the English shore, Eurotunnel was unable to estimate when the tunnel would open.

Sir Alastair and his board, including his French co-chairman André Bénard are now separated from the builders by an animosity that has long since degenerated into name-calling and spite. Sir Alastair accuses TML, the ten-company consortium, of blackmail, and likens the management to recalcitrant children. Eurotunnel claims TML stoops so low as to change locks deliberately and disconnect electricity supplies on site to inconvenience its operatives.

TML, whose chief executive is Jack Lemley, was barred by the original contract from comment and have been unable to match Sir Alastair's insults in public. In private, they paint a picture of an unbending, unprincipled, obstructive negotiator who only responds to the ultimate sanction of legal action. This is hardly surprising. The tunnel is almost finished and will eventually open, but at an uneconomic cost. The issue is how much of the extra costs is to be borne by Eurotunnel shareholders and how much by the shareholders of the TML companies.

A total of £6.75 billion has already been spent, against latest estimates of £9.75 billion that will be needed before the project starts to generate more cash than it absorbs in 1997. Many of the future costs are to service debts rather than on physical assets. Sir Alastair himself, pledging to be open for business before next year's results briefing, stressed yesterday: "The line of spiralling costs is just not running any more."

Much of the diplomacy in the long-running dispute between client and builder has been carried out in the columns of the press, and both sides have been happy to strike attitudes that have been some way from reality. Sir Alastair's refusal to name a firm opening date can be seen as a bid to deflect blame for yet more delays, widely expected in the City but not yet publicly conceded by him.

His opening stance is simple. TML and Eurotunnel agreed back in 1986, after 17 months of discussion — much of which centred around that very point — that the tunnel would be built for a fixed fee. If costs ran over, TML would pay the excess. If they came in under budget, they kept the extra. But as any householder who has agreed a fixed price contract with a builder knows, the arguments always start about supposed changes in specifications

The dispute centres on the cost of the fixed equipment operating the shuttles that will run between England and France. The actual physical tunnel is built and paid for. There is a second important and allied dispute, probably heading for the courts, between Eurotunnel and the manufacturers of the passenger shuttles, a consortium led by Bombardier, the Canadian company. This has frozen work at the Bruges plant where they are being built, with 12 completed shuttles already piled up on site and denied delivery to the project. In this dispute, TML, which placed the contract as procurement agent for Eurotunnel, is the uncomfortable intermediary.

The fixed equipment bill was set in the original contract at £620 million, at 1985 prices not adjusted for intervening inflation. Eurotunnel has admitted that extra work insisted on since, as part of the normal pattern of variations on such a job, has moved this up to £720 million. The contractors want £1.45 billion. "The project has changed beyond all recognition," said one source yesterday. "It does not compare with the original contract. They ordered a bungalow, and they want a block of flats for the same price."

The two have been entangled in apparently interminable skirmishing since the start of the decade. TML won a round in March 1992 when the panel set up to arbitrate agreed that £50 million a month of interim payments would be made pending an eventual settlement. Eurotunnel last year offered a complex package worth £1.2 billion, £900 million in cash and the rest in some nebulous sort of equity that the builders could hold in lieu of payment for an ill-defined period. The builders, who needed cash urgently and were wary of being landed with shares in what was clearly a volatile business, shied away. That decision, in retrospect, could prove a bad one. The offer was withdrawn and can logistically no longer be put back on the table, as a share issue would now require sanction of Eurotunnel's shareholders.

The building industry was in a bad shape last year and recent results from the five British members of the consortium have thrown this into sharp relief. Heavy losses have been the order of the day, and at least one is probably still afloat only by the good grace of its bankers. The five have taken some £100 million of write-offs from the project, but if their estimates are correct and they fail to achieve an acceptable settlement, more will be needed. Faced with legal defeat at the hands of the arbitration panel, Sir Alastair responded in typical fashion and went to higher authority.

The International Chamber of Commerce agreed that rather than put in one huge claim, the contractors would have to itemise separate claims for each alleged cost over-run, making their task substantially more difficult.

Sir Alastair, who favours a phased opening so at least some revenue will trickle in during the early months of next year, says if TML co-operates, rail taking heavy goods vehicles through could start on December 15 and freight a fortnight later. The last component, human beings, would start to go through in February. TML, pushed for a date, mumbles about summer 1994. The builders say they are contracted to provide for a complete service from the off, and a phased start would require yet another variation of the original terms.

Eurotunnel has the sanction, as of August, to claim liquidated damages for the contractors missing an earlier deadline for opening. Such payment, it claims, would outweigh any loss of revenue for a delayed opening next year. But the company has another deadline: a waiver from its banks will run out in March and require renewal.

The banks are unlikely to push the company into receivership, and so replace the management so close to opening. But the failure of one of the contractors has implications that even Eurotunnel itself is unsure of.

TEMPUS

No jam tomorrow

THE CBI's latest distributive trades survey seems to suggest that recovery is gathering pace. Growth in high street sales volumes is at its highest rate for nearly 18 months.

The apparent arrival of that elusive creature, the consumer-led recovery, should provide a welcome boost to the retail sector, which has remained sluggish despite unexpectedly creditable results recently from several players such as Kingfisher, Next, Laura Ashley and Tie Rack. The sector's average historic p/e ratio is still higher than the market average although the premium has fallen from 35 to 20 per cent since last year. However, investors looking to prosper from a sudden bull run should look elsewhere.

Despite the CBI's good news, there is an unsettling fear that whatever gains are made by recovery will be taken back by tax increases later in the year. In an attempt to make his numbers add up, the Chancellor will allow us jam today but not tomorrow. Retailers, and indeed the economy, are stuck in a Catch 22 situation — the stronger the upturn, the greater the likelihood of tax increases.

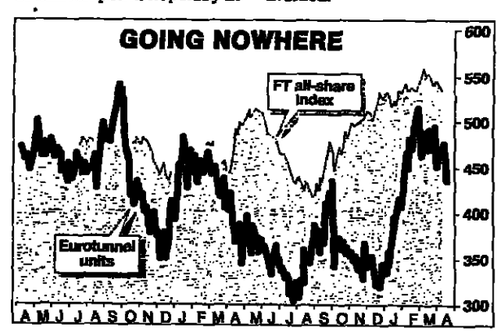
Consumer confidence has proved to be fragile and fickle at the best of times. This is largely why retailers, and indeed manufacturers, have been reluctant to pass on price increases of imports resulting from devaluation. But there is a limit to how much pain any company is willing to bear, particularly if the gross margin is suffering. Yesterday's figures from the CBI may give retailers the confidence to raise prices, believing there is now sufficient demand to absorb any increases. There is as yet no overwhelming evidence to support this contention.

Eurotunnel

IF EUROTUNNEL shareholders thought that completion of construction of the tunnel would herald the end of their troubles, then they will be sorely disappointed. As the project nears its operational phase, the uncertainties are increasing not diminishing.

The group is not merely in dispute with TML, its contractor. It is also engaged in similar battles with both the governments and national railways of the UK and France. Eurotunnel cannot afford to lose any of these encounters, since the cost overruns and delays have effectively eliminated shareholders' equity. Resolving the financial fracas with TML is particularly critical, as its outcome determines the opening date, and hence the revenue stream, of the project. Any prospect of revenue in 1993 has already been written off, and the forecast for 1994 has been virtually halved to £260 million.

The group now anticipates that its existing funds will be exhausted by mid-1994, necessitating the injection of a further £850 million to tide the company over to its cash breakeven point, hopefully in 1997. Eurotunnel has agreed a renewed waiver with its banks extending to May 1994, but this depends on the tunnel opening by next March. If it fails to do so, the banks are legally entitled to put the group into receivership. If there is one thing the market hates, it is uncertainty. The shares are best avoided.



Berisford

BERISFORD sorely needs a clean and simple acquisition to demonstrate to its weary followers that there really is life beyond the lost years of sugar and sour property ventures. Its choice of the Clarks shoe group, which would fulfil its ambitions of managing a worldwide business with recovery potential, may not prove as easy a fit as it would like to think.

Berisford needs only a simple majority of Clarks' shareholders to vote yes to a May 7 resolution that Clarks sell its brands and assets, to trigger the process whereby Berisford makes a formal cash bid. This would be 213p, plus 26p deferred until Clarks has sold surplus property, with a share alternative. Compared with a privately traded price of 90p and a one-time high of 200p, Clarks shareholders may well jump. But dissidents claiming to speak for more than 50 per cent of eligible votes insist that the proposals drive a coach and horses through Clarks' articles of association, and are determined to fight all the way. Berisford, meanwhile, remains suspended, ironically from the food manufacturing sector.

AB Foods

TOMKINS has taken on a tough task with RHM if results from Associated British Foods, the other big player in the British bread market, are anything to go by. Garry Weston, the ABF chairman, would only concede that milling and baking profit fell by £9-10 million in the first half, which analysts translate into a breakeven. Mr Weston does not want to give much away to Tomkins, which has have yet to pronounce on rationalisation moves.

ABF meanwhile had a mixed half year, but its luck is holding. Investment income rose from £35 million to £45 million, thanks to the impact of Black Wednesday, which also helped to add 10 per cent to profits of British Sugar. Full-year profits should rise from £286 million to about £300 million.

Ibstock Johnsen

Blue Circle's announcement of cement price increases is a welcome fillip to a depressed building materials market and complements noises from Ibstock Johnsen about possible price increases for bricks. Blue Circle boasts about 48 per cent of the cement market in the UK and leads prices.

Ibstock is not in such a favourable position. Its market share is smaller and the area in which prices are thought to be hardening is the lower-margin house-building sector. Paper pulp production in Portugal remains a millstone around the company's neck. Sale of the business would be sensible but unlikely until overcapacity in European paper markets is reduced.

However, Ibstock has done much of the hard slog and the cost is in last year's £28 million exceptional charge. Rationalisation of smaller factories means Ibstock can push more product through the larger plants, keeping fixed costs down. In the long run that should help the company to improve the operating margin and if volumes pick up this year the benefit of more efficient production should bring the group back into profit.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Into Morgan's garden, Maude

THE CITY has proved a good political hinterland for Francis Maude, a former financial secretary to the Treasury and corporate affairs minister who lost his seat in the last general election. Maude, one of the bright young things of the Thatcher years, has made quite a career for himself putting into practice his political commitment to privatisation. After just one year as head of privatisation with Salomon Brothers, the American investment bank, Maude has jumped ship to Morgan Stanley, Salomon's biggest rival. He becomes global head of privatisation and joins the board of Morgan Stanley International next month. In his new, and no doubt lucrative, post, Maude will handle privatisation work stretching from EC member states to various Eastern European and South American countries. His workload will be heavy: Morgan Stanley is handling the privatisations of Rhône-Poulenc, the French chemicals company and Argentaria, the Spanish bank, among others. Maude, who explains that life in the City is just as "immensely stimulating" as life in government, nonetheless plans to stand in the next general election.

Greig tolling

NEWS that Greig Middleton, the stockbroker, is expanding into Edinburgh has struck some terror into the hearts of senior management at Bell Lawrie White, the Scottish stockbroking firm bought from TSB by Brewin Dolphin. Resignations have plagued Bell Lawrie since its new London owners moved in last week, and management is said to be worried that Greig will poach the best of its research and sales staff. Bill Blair, Bell Lawrie's star pharmaceutical analyst, walked out last week only to be snapped up by Greig. And yesterday, David Campbell, Bell Lawrie's utilities analyst, started work at Greig in Glasgow. But Greig insists it is not trying to woo Bell Lawrie staff. Most of the back office staff were registering with the local job centres yesterday after Jack Gates, Brewin's operations director, called staff together at Bell Lawrie's Drumsheugh offices last Thursday to tell them the merged firm would soon operate with "a skeleton staff". Meanwhile, resignations continue. Ian Nairn, the finance director who sorted out Bell Lawrie's back office two years ago after two large Stock Exchange fines, resigned as the ink on the deal dried. Dawn Wardrobe, personnel manager, has also left.



"At your age, I think I would sell Eurotunnel"

One for Poirot

ONE of the least publicised requirements of the Maastricht Treaty is that before a single currency becomes a reality national debt must not exceed 60 per cent of gross national product. Sadly for Belgium, Europe's most enthusiastic proponent of monetary union, national debt appears to expand each day. Belgian national debt, at 122 per cent of GNP, stood at BFr8.9 trillion (£178 billion) yesterday morning. By yesterday afternoon, it grew by BFr70 million (£1.4 million) thanks to a daylight robbery at the Arlon offices of the Belgian National Bank. The thieves escaped on foot.

Global glory

NIKE, Reebok, Adidas, Asics, Mizuno, New Balance...all the usual sponsors failed to realise the potential of the winner of this year's London Marathon, some suggesting Eamonn Martin was "too old". Now London Global Securities, more skilled by trade in the art of risk management, is basking in the glory of a gamble that paid huge PR dividends. The international stock loan specialist became the first City firm to sponsor a world-class athlete in the marathon at the insistence of Mike Hiard, the firm's managing director. "Natural talent, great staying power and a blistering finish are all qualities Eamonn shares with London Global Securities," he boasts.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Tackling commission disclosure

From Mr John Butterfill, MP

Sir, The report in your paper of the backing, given by Prudential Life Insurance and Allied Dunbar, to the OFT's recommendation that there should be full disclosure of commission for life products sold through independent intermediaries, comes as no surprise to me or many other members of Parliament who have taken an interest in this subject since we served on the committee stage of the Financial Services Act in 1986. Both the Prudential and Allied Dunbar are direct sales organisations which would be likely to benefit if sales through independent intermediaries were curtailed through crude commission disclosures.

What most of us on the committee argued in 1986, and have continued to argue since, is that such a crude disclosure requirement would give a completely misleading impression to a potential investor. Investors are concerned to know what proportion of the premiums they pay for a life insurance product will eventually be invested on their behalf as compared to the proportion which will be consumed by the various expenses of the life office, whether those expenses be commission, advertising, the payment of an in-house sales force or head office costs.

It is almost certainly true that the totality of costs for many direct sales products will exceed the totality of costs sold through independent intermediaries.

What is needed for the protection of investors is a regime which requires all product providers to provide potential investors with a comprehensible document, giving the very best estimate of total costs of any given product in addition to estimates relating to surrender values etc.

It is a matter of considerable regret to me and others that despite our best efforts we have not yet been able to convince the OFT and the Consumers' Association of what seems to us to be an obvious truth. We are concerned that if ministers were to accept the OFT recommendation, it could spell the death knell for independent advisers, particularly at a time when they are suffering from increased regulatory costs.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BUTTERFILL,
House of Commons, SW1.

Time for the Societies Commission to wake up

From Mr Len Arrowsmith

Sir, I was a little amused and greatly frustrated to read your comments in *The Times* Good Friday City Diary concerning the flattering selective quotes about the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society in its annual report.

I have written to the Building Societies Commission regularly over the past few years complaining that societies provide selective misleading information to members. Despite the statutory duties placed on the Commission to ensure that voting members are properly informed it has failed to respond. Perhaps now that societies' documents have moved from the misleading category to the ludicrous the Building Societies Commission will wake up.

Yours faithfully,
LEN ARROWSMITH,
Maes Y Llan,
Pen Y Bryn Road,
Llanfairfechan,
Gwynedd.

Vote against this dubious scrip dividend device

From R. Mitchell

Sir, *Tempus* is right (Business News, April 14). To maintain dividends at all costs is bad for UK Plc. But how many shareholders appreciate that scrip dividends are bad for those who take cash because of the insidious effect of progressive dilution? As for the so-called 'enhanced scrip dividend' (Ladbroke, RTZ are examples), it would be more honestly described as the 'reduced cash dividend' since this is clearly the intention behind it.

May I urge all faced with the option to vote against this dubious device?

Yours faithfully,
R. MITCHELL,
Murray Lodge,
Burtons Lane,
Chalfont St Giles, Bucks.

Associated British Foods

INTERIM RESULTS 1993

- Turnover £2,044 million, up 8%
- Profit before tax £161 million, up 7%
- Earnings per share 23.9p, up 13%
- Shareholders' funds £1,834 million, up 9%

The full unaudited interim statement for the 24 weeks to 27th February 1993 will be posted to shareholders on the 21st April 1993.

Associated British Foods plc, Weston Centre, 68 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LR, England.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	114.00	121.90	+0.60	1.03
International	86.08	91.57	+0.51	.08
Dividend Gth	56.15	59.73	-0.05	4.70
Global Gth Sec	61.31	65.22	+0.12	2.65
Ethical Growth	64.24	68.34	+0.07	2.36
High Inc Equity	147.40	156.80†	+0.20	3.08
Worldwide Bond	262.20	278.10	+1.80	4.35
Gilts Fixed Int	129.30	137.10†	-1.10	6.00
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	42.56	44.96†	+0.47	1.88
European	79.78	84.61	+0.67	...
European Inc	76.83	81.84	+0.85	1.83
Exempt	879.30	909.00†	+1.80	3.38
Extra Inc	41.54	45.52†	+0.14	5.53
F East Emerg Ec	81.80	87.80	+0.53	0.74
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	367.80	393.10†	+1.70	4.28
Equity Inc	207.30	221.60†	+0.70	4.11
High Yield	226.70	242.30†	-4.10	4.29
Balanced	627.10	670.30	+2.20	2.79
American Inc	47.51	50.79	-0.43	3.35
Wld Asset Val	38.53	41.18	-0.16	1.99
Japan	182.50	194.40	-1.40	0.01
Secs of Am	397.40	422.90	-5.70	0.43
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	307.00	326.70†	+1.90	2.89
-do- Inc	217.40	231.30†	+1.20	2.89
Higher Inc Acc	563.20	599.20†	+7.00	3.84
-do- Inc	341.80	363.70†	+4.20	3.84
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.20	183.90†	-0.10	6.07
-do- Inc	91.32	96.44†	-0.07	6.07
Nth America	242.10	257.60†	-1.10	...
Far East	283.70	301.50†	+1.00	0.15
Europe	217.90	231.90†	+1.70	0.82
General Inc	415.70	442.30†	+2.50	2.50
-do- Acc	456.50	485.70†	+2.90	2.50
Brit Excell	62.37	66.36	+0.36	2.84
Brit Fndmntls Inc	65.21	69.38†	+0.45	5.06
Brit Fndmntls Acc	84.05	89.42†	+0.58	5.06
Global Opps	69.89	74.36	+0.33	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	103.70	110.90	...	3.14
Euro Gth Inc	113.10	120.10	+0.50	0.98
Extra Inc	101.20	108.20†	-0.20	5.47
General	234.40	250.70†	...	3.44
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.12	60.09	-0.11	8.62
Income	467.80	500.30	-1.90	4.98
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	88.72	94.25	+0.18	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	111.50	119.80	+0.80	...
Convertibles	51.79	55.39†	-0.13	6.90
Eastern	176.40	189.50	-2.20	1.60
Equity Income	80.73	85.88	-0.05	6.20
European Gth	229.10	243.60	+1.40	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.30	159.20	-0.10	1.90
Exempt	81.47	83.64	...	3.60
German Growth	93.97	99.71	+0.50	0.70
Global Growth	106.70	113.70	-0.50	...
Japan Growth	189.80	203.30	+2.60	...
Japan Sunrise	161.30	172.40	+1.10	...
Portfolio	114.90	122.90	+0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	204.70	219.10	+0.30	3.20
UK Growth	76.95	81.86	+0.03	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	79.77	85.31†	+0.28	1.90
Select Managers	61.85	66.18†	-0.11	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	102.40	109.51	+0.51	1.87
-do- Inc	93.09	99.56†	+0.47	1.87
Global Bond	29.24	31.02	+0.14	5.03
High Yield Acc	51.73	55.33	+0.26	4.43
-do- Inc	37.55	40.16†	+0.19	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	86.93	92.97	+0.20	1.35
-do- Inc	80.39	85.98	+0.18	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	58.26	62.31	+0.22	...
-do- Inc	57.17	61.15	+0.22	...
Euro Gth Acc	98.15	104.98	+1.18	1.07
-do- Inc	96.81	103.54†	+1.16	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.35	36.74†	+0.20	1.46
Pacific Growth	96.29	102.98	+1.21	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.90	92.94	+0.60	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	119.20	126.90	+0.50	3.30
Smaller Cos Acc	274.40	293.60	+1.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	159.60	170.70†	+0.70	1.27
High Inc	69.51	74.72†	-0.05	7.01
Income	122.80	131.40†	+0.10	4.19
Mngd P folio Inc	91.58	97.53	+0.21	2.04
-do- Acc	173.10	184.30	+0.43	...
North American	101.30	107.80	-0.50	0.20
Orient	117.10	126.50	+1.10	...
Recovery	36.96	39.73	+0.06	2.81
German	42.09	45.13	-0.16	0.09
Intl Growth	32.49	34.60	+0.38	0.23
European Inc	22.32	24.02	+0.02	0.47
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4942 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.13	66.10†	+0.09	1.16
-do- Acc	70.04	74.52	+0.11	1.16
Income Fund 5	208.40	221.80	+0.70	4.13
-do- Acc	485.20	516.20†	+1.70	4.13
Inv Portfolio	66.22	68.63	-0.08	2.08
-do- Acc	74.78	77.50	-0.09	2.03
Smaller Cos	121.70	129.50	+0.50	1.93
-do- Acc	146.10	155.50	-0.50	1.93
High Inc P folio	59.33	61.49	+0.03	4.78
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sm Gilt Fxd Int	65.84	66.74†	-0.26	6.02
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	132.30	140.80	...	1.73
UK Growth	144.00	155.30	-0.20	2.10
UK Income	119.80	127.50†	-0.10	4.30
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	81.81	87.50	+2.11	1.06
Growth	43.68	46.72	-0.12	3.06
Income	52.38	56.02	+0.13	4.34
Far East	46.95	50.21†	+0.50	0.16
North American	78.15	83.58†	-0.53	0.01
Global	81.09	86.73†	+0.48	0.76
European	68.49	73.25†	+0.62	1.71
Japan	107.40	115.30	+1.20	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.99	61.47†	+0.18	5.34
UK Cap Gwth	76.26	81.56†	+0.53	2.20
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	125.60	133.70†	+0.30	0.15
-do- Acc	133.60	142.20	+0.40	0.15
European	65.98	69.95	+0.45	1.02
-do- Acc	68.39	72.50	+0.47	1.02
Far East Gen	62.39	66.38†	+0.87	...
-do- Acc	62.39	66.38	+0.87	...
Glenfriars	242.00	257.50†	+1.80	0.95
-do- Acc	272.50	289.90	+2.10	0.95
Growth	369.80	395.60	-1.30	2.67
-do- Acc	633.10	677.20	-2.40	2.67
Income Growth	370.20	393.90	+4.30	4.08
-do- Acc	492.20	523.70	+5.70	4.08
Master Portfolio	9262.0	9589.0†	+37.00	2.76
-do- Acc	10747.0	11127.0	+43.00	2.76
Special Sits	84.96	90.39	+0.33	2.56
-do- Acc	99.42	105.77	+0.38	2.56
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1195.0	1232.0	+6.00	4.53
-do- Acc	1393.0	1436.0	+7.00	4.53
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	188.30	200.50	-0.30	1.65
Capital	521.40	556.40†	+3.60	2.40
Eurotrack 100	128.10	136.30	+0.50	1.52
Euro Gth	79.84	84.99	+0.22	1.36
Far East Growth	87.51	93.39	+0.13	0.14
Global Bond	23.25	24.50	-0.02	5.84
Hong Kong	73.82	78.78†	+0.50	0.57
Income	490.50	523.40†	+2.80	4.60
Intl Growth	72.63	77.51	-0.07	0.98
Japan Growth	255.10	272.20	-0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	31.78	33.91	-0.22	...
Japan Index	74.63	79.64	+0.33	0.26
Nth American	409.50	437.00†	-1.30	0.99
S pore Mly Gth	49.87	53.22	+0.31	...
The Footsie Fd	106.40	112.30	+0.80	2.62
Tiger Index	133.90	142.90	+0.30	0.70
Trixie Index	101.20	107.90	+0.20	2.66
UK Index	121.10	129.20	+0.80	3.01
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	82.32	87.98	...	1.00
European P folio	71.77	76.24†	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	62.04	65.85	+0.37	...
Pacific P folio	94.95	102.10	+1.03	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.66	73.44	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.68	65.13†	...	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.64	50.27	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	605.20	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	...	9.28
Deposit	5.75	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	...	...
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.72	64.97†	+0.20	2.32
Beckman Intl	80.68	85.14†	...	3.11
Friars Hse Inc	177.62	190.99	+1.03	6.10
Friars Hse Cap	246.36	264.90	-1.02	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	40.80	43.40	+0.67	...
Managed	61.55	65.48	+0.32	2.73
-do- Acc	74.33	79.08	+0.38	2.73
Smaller Cos	32.79	34.88	+0.06	1.95
-do- Acc	36.95	39.31	+0.07	1.95
UK General	67.53	71.84	-0.70	2.45
-do- Acc	80.96	86.13	-0.84	2.45
Wwide Bd	61.61	66.50†	+0.54	6.05
-do- Acc	80.54	85.53	+0.69	6.05
Wwide Sp Sits	55.86	59.74	+0.48	0.16
-do- Acc	58.20	62.25	+0.50	0.16
Quilter General	118.56	126.13†	+0.79	2.48
-do- Acc	131.73	140.14	+0.87	2.48
Quilter Income	92.00	97.87†	+0.16	3.87
-do- Acc	113.39	120.63	+0.20	3.87
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	68.03	72.37	+0.24	1.88
-do- Acc	89.99	95.73	+0.33	1.88
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.65	91.65†	+0.03	5.50
-do- Acc	91.65	91.65†	+0.03	5.50
Fin Property	105.79	112.54	+0.94	1.42
Fixed Com	41.08	43.71	-0.17	7.33
-do- Acc	107.35	114.20	-0.46	7.33
Equity Inc	143.11	152.24	+0.72	3.50
-do- Acc	459.38	488.70	+2.34	3.50
High Yield	117.10	124.57†	+0.50	4.65
-do- Acc	442.20	470.43	+1.31	4.65
Preference	46.92	49.92†	+0.02	7.35
-do- Acc	240.91	256.29	+0.08	7.35
PPT Europe	150.70	160.32	+1.70	0.92
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.39	50.41†	-0.04	7.97
PPT Global Bnd	82.23	87.29†	+0.97	5.72
PPT Gold Com	51.12	54.38†	+0.78	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.26	59.86†	+1.35	0.49
PPT Far East Gth	104.01	110.65†	+1.24	0.25
PPT Japan	114.91	122.24†	+2.00	...
PPT N Amer	147.34	156.74†	+1.06	0.06
PPT UK Gth	114.32	121.62	+0.38	1.92
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	76.55	81.44	+0.40	0.97
Japanese Acc	59.44	63.23	+0.48	...
UK Balncd Inc	123.90	131.80	...	2.55
-do- Acc	144.70	153.90	+0.10	2.55
UK Growth Acc	203.10	216.10	-0.20	2.23
UK High Inc	132.30	140.70	...	6.75
-do- Acc	156.10	166.10	-0.10	6.75
N America Acc	109.00	116.00	+0.20	0.33
European Acc	152.10	161.80	+0.40	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.11	63.78	-0.35	8.86
-do- Acc	97.02	102.90	-0.60	8.86
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.18	50.19†	+0.37	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.50	75.00†	-0.12	1.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	110.50	117.40	+0.20	...
UK Smlr Cos	186.10	197.70	+1.00	1.26
Eurofund	37.62	39.84	+0.17	1.00
Mngd Exempt	162.20	169.10†	-0.40	3.10
Growth Inc	208.50	221.50	+0.90	4.06
High Dist	136.90	145.00	+0.90	5.97
International	315.10	334.80	+1.40	0.97
Intl Income	79.26	85.14†	+0.18	3.05
Pacific	56.72	60.27	+0.20	0.50
Smllr Jap Cos	65.08	69.15	+0.33	...
Tokyo	195.10	207.30	+0.20	...
Japan Exempt	110.50	113.50	-1.90	0.44
Sm Jap Exempt	532.40	547.00	+15.50	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	120.70	128.30	+0.20	0.23
Australia	7.077	7.519	-0.033	1.07
Equity	182.20	193.60	+1.20	4.40
Euro Spec Sits	141.80	150.10	+0.60	0.57
Financial	39.42	41.88	-0.27	2.90
Global Opps Inc	87.48	92.95	+0.02	2.17
-do- Acc	90.68	96.35	+0.02	2.17
Gold Gen Inc	41.79	44.40	-0.19	0.97
-do- Acc	79.73	84.71	-0.35	0.97
Income	118.40	125.80	+0.80	4.90
Japan General	150.30	159.70	-0.10	...
Preference	21.23	22.56†	-0.08	8.05
UK Capital	101.10	107.40	+0.70	3.14
Worldwide Cap	193.20	205.30	+0.80	3.14
World Income	82.51	87.67	+0.90	3.46
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	169.90	180.70	...	1.11
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.15	107.53†	+0.62	3.44
High Income	118.73	124.98	+0.20	4.95
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.37	147.76	+0.15	2.15
Special Sits	82.82	87.18	+1.02	2.98
North American	101.75	107.11	-1.62	0.95
Far Eastern	229.85	241.95	-1.35	1.44
Intl Growth	90.92	95.71†	-0.08	1.41
European	63.47	66.81	+0.35	2.20
Smaller Cos	69.09	72.73	+0.49	2.30
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	218.10	231.90†	...	3.47
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.50
European Tst	114.50	121.80	+2.10	...
High Income	24.58	25.87†	-0.06	5.81
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.25	97.66	+0.33	0.88
Far Eastern	132.80	142.00	+1.40	...
Overss Income	88.11	94.63	+0.74	2.78
UK Growth	90.88	97.20	+0.18	1.34
UK Income	100.00	107.00	+1.00	3.89
US Smaller Cos	234.30	250.60	+1.20	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	401.30	429.10	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	410.00	438.40	+0.10	...
Capital	279.50	297.30	+1.00	1.95
-do- Acc	389.20	413.90	+1.20	1.95
Conti Smllr Cos	47.22	50.88	+0.33	0.96
-do- Acc	48.86	52.65	+0.34	0.96
Convertible	109.40	116.30	+0.30	6.25
-do- Acc	202.50	215.40	+0.60	6.25
European	96.63	103.30	+0.40	0.95
-do- Acc	99.85	106.70	+0.40	0.95
Extra Income	284.20	302.30	+0.70	4.11
-do- Acc	397.90	423.20	+0.80	4.11
Financial	108.80	111.50†	+0.50	0.66
-do- Acc	108.80	116.90†	+0.60	0.66
Health Fund Inc	101.10	108.00	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	101.10	108.00	+0.40	...
Income Tst	175.70	186.80	+0.60	3.72
-do- Acc	244.90	260.50	+1.00	3.72
Intl Growth	299.00	319.40	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	332.00	354.70	+1.50	...
Japan Gen	167.70	179.20	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	169.30	181.00	-1.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.21	92.85	+0.29	1.04
-do- Acc	92.48	97.34	+0.31	1.04
Monthly Income	144.20	153.30	+0.50	4.23
Recovery	279.80	299.20	+2.10	0.73
-do- Acc	327.70	350.40	+2.40	0.73
Gilt Gth Tst	60.07	61.95	-0.22	6.51
-do- Acc	77.58	80.00	-0.29	6.51
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	342.38	364.23	+0.28	2.90
-do- Acc	691.29	735.42	+0.57	2.90
Euro Gth Dist	104.58	111.26	+0.33	0.77
-do- Acc	107.71	114.58	+0.34	0.77
Fixed Int Dist	128.99	136.44†	-1.49	6.39
-do- Acc	216.70	229.22†	-2.51	6.39
Intl Gth Dist	75.41	80.22	+0.37	0.79
-do- Acc	78.00	82.98	+0.38	0.79
Nth Amer Dist	165.52	175.36	-0.73	0.82
-do- Acc	179.50	190.17	+0.79	0.82
Pac Basin Dist	236.15	251.20	+1.41	0.30
-do- Acc	239.85	255.16	+1.43	0.30
Stewardship Dist	292.67	311.35	+0.15	1.95
-do- Acc	346.26	368.36	+0.18	1.95
Stwd Inc Dist	61.44	65.36	+0.22	3.63
-do- Acc	75.28	80.08	+0.27	3.63
N Am Stwd Dist	93.83	99.82	-0.06	...
-do- Acc	99.25	105.59	-0.07	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	131.70	140.90†	...	...
European	395.70	420.40†	+2.60	1.01
Far East General	212.30	227.10	...	0.32
Germany	98.95	104.70	+0.40	0.43
Global Assets In	65.95	70.50	+0.07	2.29
Global Assets Ac	69.10	73.87	+0.08	2.26
Income Inc	114.80	122.80†	+1.50	7.16
International	256.40	274.10†	+2.30	1.02
Intl Income	77.34	82.18	+0.34	4.85
Japan General	357.80	380.80†	+2.20	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.14	48.28	+0.01	6.29
UK Capital Inc	154.90	165.70	+0.60	4.03
-do- Acc	264.90	283.40	+1.10	3.96
Uk Spec Sits	71.28	76.24	+0.11	1.67
US General	112.10	119.40	+0.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	112.30	120.20	+1.10	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.98	45.97	+0.22	1.68
Cash Trust*	128.17	128.17	+0.04	4.85
Fncl Inv Inc	100.30	107.56†	-0.01	3.97
-do- Acc	215.31	230.90†	-0.04	3.97
UK Smaller Cos	96.80	103.81	+0.07	1.22
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.00	26.74†	...	7.93
High Inc	31.18	33.35	+0.38	5.01
UK Equity Inc	126.34	135.12	+0.18	3.93
Global Bond	29.25	30.31†	+0.21	5.71
International Funds				
Gold Intl	67.38	72.26	+0.52	1.36
Frontier Markets	39.74	42.62†	+0.26	0.42
Global Inc Gth	117.11	124.94†	+0.83	2.20
UK Intl	108.56	116.11	+0.07	0.56
Overseas Funds				
American	125.91	134.26	+0.70	0.48
European	80.76	85.63†	+0.52	0.68
Euro Sel Opps	92.89	98.97	+0.66	0.84
American Emerg	75.59	81.06	+0.04	...
Hong Kong	106.92	114.66†	+0.53	2.02
Japan	211.49	225.08	+2.43	...
Pacific Growth	145.73	156.28	+1.46	0.45
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 8526				
Intl Growth	123.39	131.97	+0.82	0.37
American Gth	116.58	124.69	+0.01	...
European Gth	67.66	72.36	+0.09	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	75.14	80.37	-0.32	...
Pacific Inc	132.36	141.56	-0.35	2.85
Pacific Strategy	110.68	118.38	-1.49	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.94	76.92	-0.84	4.61
Gt British Cos	48.06	50.65	+0.04	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.14	46.14	+0.15	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.70	130.70†	...	4.76
Gilt Fixed	118.70	126.00	-1.30	6.54
Growth Equity	281.40	300.60	+1.20	2.11
Guardhill	414.90	443.20	+1.10	2.37
Income Trust	107.10	114.40	+0.20	3.43
International	154.20	164.70†	+0.80	0.36
Japan Trust	120.60	128.80	+0.90	...
Nth American	249.50	266.50†	+0.70	0.46
Pacific	364.30	389.20†	+2.00	...
European	336.00	358.90	+0.80	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.32	36.38	-0.10	1.83
-do- Acc	35.93	38.08	-0.10	1.83
Inc Adv Inc	28.93	30.67†	-0.20	4.24
-do- Acc	30.07	31.88	-0.20	4.24
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	71.31	76.39	+1.04	0.98
Equity Income	111.90	119.00	+0.40	3.56
European	131.30	139.00	+0.60	0.87
Intl Situation	73.49	78.18	+0.01	...
Japanese	139.70	148.20	+1.00	...
North American	97.21	103.10	+1.50	0.06
Scandinavian	104.90	110.80	-0.10	0.46
Smaller Cos	28.66	30.49	+0.02	2.30
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	85.85	91.81†	+0.41	...
Asian Enterprise	121.38	131.54	+2.62	0.97
Australian	133.81	143.04†	+0.52	1.53
European	363.83	385.19†	+2.03	1.12
European Inc	69.16	73.15	+0.41	3.43
Euro Smll Co	121.27	129.52	+0.75	1.13
Extra Income	252.76	269.08†	+0.67	5.06
Family of Funds	67.96	72.54	+0.06	1.34
Fixed Interest	55.02	58.84†	-0.09	8.84
Global Resour	88.99	95.52	+1.46	1.18
High Inc	276.25	298.30†	+1.85	4.82
Income Gth	232.37	247.46	+1.37	4.11
-do- Acc	584.75	622.75	+3.45	4.11
International	224.64	239.03†	+2.99	0.99
Japan Spc Sit	225.98	240.25	+2.45	...
Japan	194.81	207.00	+2.15	...
N Amer	217.58	231.55	+1.57	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	170.06	184.32†	+1.65	0.61
Pref Gilt	45.33	49.48†	+0.05	8.66
Smaller Cos Div	156.48	170.55	+0.13	1.84
Special Sits	349.58	287.04†	+2.31	2.19
-do- Acc	384.57	411.48†	+3.56	2.19
Best of British	54.40	58.32	+0.42	2.71
Spirit of the East	57.77	61.71†	+1.14	0.50
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	86.61	92.63	+0.90	2.34
Capital	152.70	163.30	+0.90	1.98
Dollar	301.10	322.00	+1.90	0.17
European	191.90	205.20	+1.20	0.54
Far East	224.80	240.40	+0.90	0.63
Financial	658.90	704.70†	+6.60	2.52
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.38	26.36	-0.05	8.13
High Yield	97.90	104.70	+0.30	4.98
Income	132.90	142.10	+1.30	3.49
Intl	209.50	224.00	+1.60	0.36
Japan Tech	67.54	72.23	+0.38	...
Nat Resources	55.19	59.02	+0.51	0.80
Security	288.70	308.70†	+0.70	2.14
Smaller Cos	104.30	111.50†	+0.30	1.63
Special Sits	132.30	141.40†	+0.40	2.11
US Smaller Cos	58.47	62.53	-0.52	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	242.30	255.00	+2.80	1.45
Capital Gwth	98.45	103.60	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	124.30	130.80	...	0.72
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.89	25.10	+0.05	1.65
Special Features	26.13	27.76†	+0.11	1.47
-do- Acc	30.89	32.82†	-0.12	1.46
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.73	55.41	+0.25	1.94
Assets Earnings	69.24	73.56	-0.32	1.86
do Acc	81.37	86.45	-0.38	1.86
Managed Invest	84.29	90.10	+0.56	1.21
Expert Children	74.29	79.27†	+0.37	1.67
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.36	50.38†	...	4.52
Extra Inc	77.21	82.68	-0.08	4.58
Gilt	27.75	29.21	-0.04	6.61
Income Gth	37.67	40.29†	+0.17	3.57
Midstar	74.70	78.44†	-0.25	7.94
Preference	17.64	19.31	-0.03	6.18
UK Income	299.60	320.40†	+1.30	3.09
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.50	58.96	+0.34	1.30
Property Shares	58.69	63.33†	+1.27	2.12
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.80	148.00	+0.90	3.56
European Acc	109.20	115.70	+0.60	1.73
European Dist	109.90	110.10	+0.50	1.73
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.38	51.41†	+0.76	0.69
European Perf	106.90	113.20	+0.30	1.07
-do- Acc	108.70	115.30	+0.30	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.71	22.07	+0.09	0.73
French Growth	67.38	71.71	+0.02	0.40
-do- Acc	71.98	76.61	+0.02	0.40
Hong K/China	65.88	70.85	+0.18	1.74
Intl Growth	49.89	53.00	+0.34	0.75
-do- Acc	49.89	53.00	+0.34	0.75
Japan Perf	33.44	35.51	+0.18	...
Accum Units	33.44	35.51	+0.18	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.75	36.95	+0.32	...
Singapore Asean	72.45	78.79	+0.80	0.42
-do- Acc	72.90	79.27	+0.79	0.42
South East Asia	213.20	229.90†	+2.40	1.06
US Smllr Cos	101.20	107.50	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	102.30	108.60	+0.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.60	88.08	+0.60	2.52
Intl Bond	56.50	57.34	+0.24	6.28
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.12	69.46†	+0.02	5.04
Extra Income	50.42	53.64†	+0.16	6.82
Gilt Yield	118.00	124.40†	-0.30	7.40
Global Income	195.90	208.40	+0.90	4.20
High Yield	128.60	136.80†	+1.17	6.04
Smllr Cos Div	43.88	46.68	-1.73	4.67
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.50	94.15	-0.18	...
North American	74.25	78.99	+0.89	0.41
European	127.90	136.10	+0.40	0.86
Euro Special	77.28	82.21	+0.62	0.94
General	258.00	274.50	+1.40	3.25
Japan	395.10	420.30	+4.00	...
Japanese Special	218.40	223.80†	-0.20	...
Master Acc	210.00	223.40	+0.50	1.38
Pacific	254.10	270.30†	+1.30	0.60
Smaller Cos	96.73	102.90	+2.93	2.04
UK Equity Gth	34.28	36.47	+0.30	1.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	73.11	77.78	+0.29	0.85
Extra Income	23.34	24.83†	+0.01	3.30
Far East	25.93	27.59†	-0.05	1.00
Income Gwth	71.39	75.95	+0.10	2.94
Intl Growth	50.41	53.63†	+0.20	0.78
Japan	62.40	66.38	+0.43	...
Maximum Dist*	98.31	101.30†	-0.10	6.95
N Amer Equity	37.91	40.33	+0.05	0.51
UK Equity	83.78	89.13†	+0.22	2.97
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.13	55.46	+0.43	4.51
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	413.20	439.60	+1.10	2.94
Equity Acc	784.30	834.40	+2.00	2.94
Equity Income	89.52	95.23	+0.11	5.19
European	93.94	99.94	+0.55	1.71
Far Eastern	174.10	185.20	+2.20	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.90	54.15†	-0.25	7.40
Gilt	89.34	94.63†	-0.66	7.00
Global Growth	64.38	68.49	+0.52	0.76
Intl Bond	55.59	59.14	-0.38	5.00
Japanese	66.67	70.93	+0.42	...
Overseas Equity	93.56	99.53	-0.71	0.79
Pacific Gth	81.74	86.96†	+1.32	1.29
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	308.60	328.40	-0.50	2.79
-do- Acc	668.50	711.30	-1.00	2.79
Conti Euro Gth	50.47	53.13	+0.36	1.36
-do- Acc	53.37	56.18	+0.38	1.36
Extra Inc	234.50	249.50	-0.90	3.71
-do- Acc	570.30	606.80	-2.20	3.71
German Gth	101.30	106.60	+0.60	0.21
-do- Acc	106.10	111.70	+0.50	0.21
Growth Port	475.60	506.00	-0.10	0.91
-do- Acc	475.60	506.00	-0.10	0.91
Income	433.10	460.80†	-1.60	3.57
-do- Acc	1111.0	1182.0†	-3.00	3.57
Income Port	481.00	510.90	-1.30	5.09
-do- Acc	481.00	510.90	-1.30	5.09
Japan Growth	91.74	97.60	+0.31	0.01
-do- Acc	92.06	97.94	+0.31	0.01
Master Trust	50.49	53.72	-0.01	1.43
-do- Acc	54.92	58.43	-0.01	1.43
N American Gen	174.20	185.40	-1.20	0.01
-do- Acc	201.20	214.10	-1.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	123.90	131.90	...	0.01
-do- Acc	126.40	134.50	-0.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	197.20	209.80	+1.90	0.62
-do- Acc	208.30	221.60	+1.90	0.62
Small Cos Rec	290.30	305.60	-1.10	2.42
-do- Acc	374.50	394.30	-1.20	2.42
UK Growth	75.50	80.32	-0.04	2.23
-do- Acc	88.03	93.65	-0.05	2.23
Worldwide Gth	268.50	285.70	+1.00	0.30
-do- Acc	395.60	420.90	+1.40	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.99	81.53	+0.05	3.00
Income	57.87	62.09†	+0.13	5.90
International	55.42	59.46	+0.22	0.80
American	57.66	61.87	+0.21	0.40
Japan	51.32	55.06	+0.37	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.48	57.38†	-0.02	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	377.50	398.50	+3.50	0.85
-do- Acc	465.80	491.70	+4.30	0.85
American Rec	400.40	423.40†	+2.60	0.23
-do- Acc	458.80	485.10	+3.00	0.23
Am Sm Co Acc	112.00	118.40	...	0.02
Australia Acc	143.90	152.10	+0.60	1.41
Capital	633.60	670.00	+2.00	2.73
-do- Acc	699.10	739.30	+2.30	2.73
Commodity Acc	401.50	424.70	+2.20	0.91
Compnd Gth	794.80	840.50	+1.70	2.98
Dividend	34.00	36.00	+0.10	4.38
-do- Acc	132.30	140.30	+0.60	4.38
Equity Inc	281.00	297.20	+1.30	5.05
European Div	57.60	60.90	+0.30	4.43
-do- Acc	65.10	68.80	+0.30	4.43
European Gen	375.70	397.30	-0.20	1.66
-do- Acc	469.30	496.30	-0.30	1.66
Extra Yield	358.30	378.90†	+2.50	4.46
-do- Acc	1047.7	1107.9	-7.20	4.46
Far Eastern	277.80	293.80	+2.20	0.98
-do- Acc	365.40	386.50	+2.90	0.98
Fund of Inv	483.70	511.50	-0.50	2.27
-do- Acc	872.80	923.00	-0.80	2.27
General	51.90	54.90	+0.10	3.65
-do- Acc	136.60	144.70	+0.30	3.65
Gilt Fxd Int	61.80	61.80	-0.40	7.81
do Acc	152.90	152.70	-1.00	7.81
Gold	42.00	44.40	+0.30	1.45
-do- Acc	49.20	51.90	+0.60	1.45
High Inc	24.00	25.40	+0.10	4.75
-do- Acc	88.80	94.00	+0.20	4.75
Intl Growth	66.80	70.80	+0.50	0.94
-do- Acc	115.20	122.10	+0.80	0.94
Intl Inc	89.30	94.40†	+0.55	4.73
Japan Gen Acc	47.70	50.60	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	141.10	149.20	+1.30	...
Midland	50.90	53.40†	+0.12	3.92
-do- Acc	161.80	170.90	+0.40	3.92
Recovery	34.80	36.90	+0.10	3.07
-do- Acc	54.70	58.10	+0.30	3.08
Second Gen	58.50	61.90	...	3.72
-do- Acc	143.00	151.40	...	3.72
Smaller Cos	56.00	59.20	-0.10	3.44
-do- Acc	106.10	112.30	-0.10	3.44
Trustee	36.90	39.00†	-0.10	4.06
Charibond 3	$112.17	...	-0.60	9.61
Charifund 2	615.80	622.00	+2.70	5.29
Pension ex I	837.90	858.90	+0.40	4.22
NAACIF Inc 3	345.90	...	-0.20	7.83
-do- Acc 3	11074.5	...	-4.50	7.83
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	133.10	142.30	+0.49	2.09
-do- Acc	147.80	158.00	+0.49	2.09
UK Income	110.40	118.00	+0.68	2.78
-do- Acc	122.30	131.60	+0.68	2.78
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	75.43	80.67	+0.71	0.63
Far East (Pacific)	131.60	139.70	+0.80	0.68
Income Growth	69.60	73.88	+0.04	4.28
European	68.69	73.73	-0.11	1.33
Nth American	56.77	60.26	+0.33	1.10
UK Growth	74.08	78.64	-0.22	1.40
Intl Growth	89.71	95.23†	+0.36	0.58
Charities	107.20	113.80	+0.10	4.10
Intl Income	66.54	70.63†	+0.27	4.53
Japan	50.91	54.04†	...	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	184.80	196.10	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	197.50	209.50	+0.10	...
Cash	101.20	101.20	+0.10	5.57
-do- Acc	128.80	128.80	+0.10	5.57
European Gth	188.70	200.10	+0.30	0.80
-do- Acc	202.00	214.20	+0.40	0.80
General	446.00	475.70†	-0.60	2.35
-do- Acc	848.60	905.20†	-1.20	2.35
Global Dist	130.60	137.30†	+0.30	5.32
-do- Acc	146.10	153.60†	+0.30	5.32
Income	133.60	142.50†	+0.10	4.78
-do- Acc	195.50	208.60†	+0.20	4.78
International	373.10	397.70	+0.80	0.70
-do- Acc	494.90	527.50	+1.20	0.70
Japan	172.40	183.00	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	177.00	187.90	+1.80	...
New Europe	131.40	140.20	+0.60	1.85
-do- Acc	133.60	142.60	+0.70	1.85
Recovery	285.00	304.10	+0.70	2.95
-do- Acc	356.10	379.90	+0.80	2.95
European Inc	73.01	77.59	+0.27	3.14
-do- Acc	92.62	98.43	+0.34	3.14
Brit Blue Chip	70.21	74.86†	+0.14	3.37
-do- Acc	82.80	88.29†	+0.16	3.37
Portfolio	71.78	76.35†	+0.11	2.97
-do- Acc	81.60	86.80†	+0.12	2.97
Gold General	78.03	83.24	+3.27	1.13
-do- Acc	79.10	84.38	+3.31	1.13
Pacific	87.03	92.81	+0.87	0.90
-do- Acc	91.98	98.12	+0.93	0.90
UK Smaller Cos	49.34	52.63†	-0.27	2.15
-do- Acc	55.05	58.73†	+0.30	2.15
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.17	60.07†	+0.19	3.33
-do- Acc	57.02	60.98	+0.20	3.33
British Dist	74.56	79.74	-0.25	2.45
-do- Acc	84.41	90.28	-0.26	2.45
European Gth	165.60	177.10	-1.00	0.16
-do- Acc	207.90	222.30	-1.30	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.56	71.19	+0.08	6.94
-do- Acc	117.20	125.30	-0.20	6.74
FT-SE 100 Index	47.51	50.81	+0.33	2.95
-do- Acc	47.51	50.81	+0.33	2.95
Gilt Fixed Int	55.72	58.01†	-0.12	7.09
-do- Acc	146.60	152.60	-0.30	7.09
High Yield	213.60	228.50	+0.40	5.13
-do- Acc	490.30	524.40	+0.90	5.13
Income	270.60	289.40	+1.20	3.85
-do- Acc	562.50	601.60	+2.40	3.85
Japan Gth	326.30	349.00	+4.10	...
-do- Acc	344.40	368.30	+4.20	...
Mandarin Acc	93.55	100.10	+0.74	1.63
North American	161.20	172.40	+2.20	0.52
-do- Acc	202.60	216.70	+2.70	0.52
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	248.40	264.80	-0.30	...
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01	+0.03	5.31
Deposit Acc	121.96	121.96	+0.04	5.31
Euro Gth Acc	257.40	275.00	+0.40	...
Europe	116.60	125.60	+0.10	...
Intl Gth	164.00	175.30	+0.90	...
Japan Tracker	72.68	76.94	+0.73	...
UK Equity Inc	139.90	150.70†	-0.10	4.36
-do- Acc	171.40	184.70†	-0.10	4.36
UK Ind Tracker	138.50	148.30	-0.10	3.27
US Eq Ind Trkr	187.20	198.40†	+0.90	1.47
-do- Acc	198.00	209.80†	+0.90	1.47
Asian Trader	146.90	159.50†	+1.10	0.49
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	161.60	165.30	-0.70	2.42
European	58.56	59.87	-0.80	1.21
Olympiad	52.03	53.46	+0.32	0.40
Global Bond	47.60	48.12	-0.06	6.63
Smaller Cos	62.43	65.13	-0.03	1.29
Equity Income	90.06	92.64†	+0.01	5.19
UK Growth	80.16	82.51†	-0.17	1.87
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387738				
American Acc	46.07	49.14	-0.27	0.82
Australian Acc	293.90	315.30	-1.90	...
Conscience	60.90	64.99	-0.01	1.09
-do- Acc	65.39	69.78	-0.02	1.09
European	164.60	175.50†	+0.90	1.11
-do- Acc	177.10	188.90	+1.00	1.11
Extra Income	71.17	75.95	+0.15	5.85
-do- Acc	107.70	114.90	+0.20	5.85
Far East Gth	153.60	164.10	+0.40	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.59	60.95	-0.09	6.50
Gold	32.55	35.00	+0.37	...
-do- Acc	35.06	37.69	+0.37	...
Income	50.87	54.26	+0.20	5.18
-do- Acc	152.50	162.60	+0.50	5.18
International	28.44	30.51	+0.20	1.11
-do- Acc	40.88	43.84	+0.29	1.11
Jap Sm Cos Acc	308	328.50	+0.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	159.20	170.20	+1.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.96	25.76	...	1.86
Special Sits	31.07	33.40†	+0.08	1.77
-do- Acc	33.78	36.47	+0.11	1.77
Tokyo	81.26	86.67	+1.07	...
-do- Acc	82.08	87.55	+1.09	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.35	70.59	+0.38	2.95
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.45	77.73	-0.08	7.47
N&P Higher Inc	185.40	197.30	+0.80	5.03
N&P UK Income	99.02	105.35	+0.49	4.12
N&P Intl	84.44	89.83†	+0.40	1.97
N&P Smaller Cos	72.24	76.36†	+0.41	1.69
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	155.72	166.66†	+0.76	2.33
Global	267.56	284.64†	+1.75	1.34
Growth	102.35	108.89†	+0.54	2.55
Income	194.65	207.08†	+1.30	4.40
Intl Bond	125.92	133.59†	+0.68	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.20	142.20	+0.30	2.54
-do- Acc	234.00	246.30	+0.60	2.54
Income	210.90	224.30†	+0.50	3.61
Intl Equity	216.10	229.80	+1.00	0.96
-do- Acc	236.50	251.60	+1.10	0.96
Equity	211.90	225.30	+0.50	2.40
-do- Acc	429.50	456.80	+1.00	2.40
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.25	71.54	+0.19	1.94
UK Income	58.40	62.13	+0.12	3.08
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.84	73.23	+0.07	1.57
New Europe Acc	59.95	63.77	+0.11	1.40
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	85.35	91.29	-0.10	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	95.96	102.64	+0.78	1.14
Intl Gth	457.00	488.78	-2.64	0.69
Income	283.89	303.63†	+2.42	3.46
W wide Recov	285.80	305.67	-0.32	0.58
American Gth	193.20	206.64	-3.00	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	172.36	184.35	-0.02	0.15
Far East Gth	202.73	216.83	+1.35	0.01
European Gth	109.44	117.05	-0.34	1.09
UK Growth	72.93	78.00	-0.36	3.08
High Income	79.33	84.85	-0.35	4.50
Japanese Gth	201.69	214.58	-0.39	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	167.40	178.10†	+0.70	0.89
High Income	104.80	111.50†	+1.40	3.63
Conv Gilt	107.40	114.20	-0.10	6.45
Far East	288.80	307.20†	+2.60	0.37
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	47.62	50.66	+0.25	0.58
Emerging Mkts	61.29	68.30	+2.53	0.33
General	46.46	49.43	+0.25	3.46
International	81.67	86.88†	+0.49	1.31
Gilt Units	26.26	27.07	-0.04	8.11
Global PEP	34.32	36.51†	+0.12	2.14
Income Gth	62.62	66.62	+0.51	5.28
European	42.02	44.70†	+0.22	1.19
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.31	26.93†	-0.01	6.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4514 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst **	30.12	32.21†	+0.16	1.61
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.60	101.60†	+0.03	5.36
-do- Acc	104.68	104.68†	+0.04	5.36
Pru Equity	638.34	682.71†	-3.17	2.48
Pru Equity Inc	77.95	83.36	+0.15	4.61
Pru European	168.80	180.53	+0.59	1.87
Pru Global Gth	77.12	82.48	+0.42	1.56
Pru High Inc	83.72	89.54†	+0.05	5.73
Pru Intl	156.58	167.46	+0.91	1.29
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.80	70.37†	+0.24	0.92
Pru Japanese	191.37	204.67†	+1.98	...
Pru Nth Amer	140.71	150.49	+0.77	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.93	75.86	+0.54	1.86
Pru Premr Inc	48.68	50.69†	-0.33	7.55
Pru Smllr Cos	79.79	85.33	+0.13	2.03
Pru Spec Sits	95.86	102.52	+0.44	2.36
Pru UK Growth	106.94	114.37†	+0.46	2.37
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.60	161.22	-0.78	3.66
NC Japan	259.64	278.23	+0.59	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.42	98.39	-0.05	2.45
NC America Inc	465.98	500.21	-2.09	0.86
-do- Acc	541.23	581.00	-2.43	0.86
NC Smlr UK Cos	247.88	270.65†	-0.43	1.57
NC European	247.49	264.70	-0.70	1.32
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.77	75.28†	-0.79	3.88
Capital Units	138.40	147.20	+0.40	1.43
Commodity	92.98	98.91	+0.27	1.32
European Gth	147.10	156.40	+0.30	1.40
Financial Sec	167.50	178.10	+0.60	1.89
High Return	206.50	219.60	-0.20	4.64
High Yield	196.90	209.40†	-1.70	3.85
Income Units	106.50	113.20	...	4.86
Investment	166.10	176.70†	-0.20	1.13
Japan Gth	145.10	154.30	+1.10	...
Japan Smaller	176.70	187.90	+1.00	...
Masterfund	44.38	47.21	-0.26	0.96
Scotbits	243.70	259.20	+1.30	1.62
Scotshares	246.10	261.90	-0.10	2.69
Scotyields	215.20	228.90	-0.20	4.07
Select Intl	124.90	132.80†	+0.60	0.74
Smaller Cos	212.90	226.40†	-0.20	4.25
Special Situation	104.10	110.70	-0.20	0.76
UK Equity	215.80	229.50	-1.50	2.92
US Growth	135.20	143.80	-0.80	0.34
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	229.99	245.32	-2.79	0.56
-do- Acc	248.47	265.03	-3.01	0.56
Australian	131.40	140.15	-0.03	0.85
-do- Acc	154.47	164.77	-0.03	0.85
UK Enterprise	200.00	213.33†	+2.13	2.66
-do- Acc	231.04	246.43	+2.45	2.66
European Gth	59.55	63.52†	+0.43	1.29
-do- Acc	61.65	65.75	+0.44	1.29
Euro Smllr Cos	55.92	59.64†	+0.37	0.34
-do- Acc	56.30	60.05	+0.38	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	66.21	70.62	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	67.28	71.76	+0.11	...
Fixed Interest	51.45	54.27†	-0.13	8.70
-do- Acc	62.48	65.90	-0.17	8.70
Gilt Income	101.67	107.15†	-0.16	8.55
-do- Acc	142.00	149.65†	-0.22	8.55
Income	295.45	315.14†	+2.25	4.12
-do- Acc	871.48	929.57	+6.48	4.12
Japan Enterprise	63.56	67.79†	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	63.56	67.79	+0.28	...
Japan Smllr Cos	420.80	448.85†	+1.67	...
-do- Acc	421.64	449.75	+1.88	...
Pacific Gth	87.87	93.72	+0.77	0.46
-do- Acc	90.47	96.50	+0.79	0.46
Smaller Cos	180.06	192.06†	-0.38	1.06
-do- Acc	206.36	220.11	+0.44	1.06
Tokyo	101.02	107.75†	+1.13	...
-do- Acc	103.04	108.84	+1.14	...
UK Equity	199.57	212.87†	+1.48	2.77
-do- Acc	369.58	394.21	+2.74	2.77
US Smllr Cos	127.64	136.14	-1.54	...
-do- Acc	127.64	136.14	-1.54	...
World Fd	68.16	72.70	+0.35	1.68
-do- Acc	71.96	76.65	+0.37	1.68
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	42.59	45.36	+0.12	4.43
Equity Strategy	61.52	65.52	-0.45	1.80
European Opps	70.64	75.23	+0.30	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.42	101.10	-0.05	5.43
UK Smaller Cos	48.26	51.40	-0.02	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	328.60	349.90	+1.70	2.80
American	240.30	255.10	-1.20	0.89
Pacific	316.40	338.40	+2.80	0.71
European	446.30	477.20	+2.40	1.17
Worldwide	76.18	81.48	+0.52	1.24
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G1 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	295.10	314.00	+0.10	2.63
UK Sm Cos Eqy	190.90	203.10	-0.70	2.22
European	323.80	344.50†	-0.80	1.96
North American	243.10	258.70†	-1.00	0.50
Income Plus Inc	63.58	67.64†	+0.09	3.72
UK Spec Sits	64.53	68.65†	+0.02	2.44
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.67	26.40†	+0.06	2.91
Intl Growth Acc	27.86	29.82†	+0.17	1.30
Global Inc Acc	30.45	32.59	...	3.80
Market Ldrs Acc	25.39	27.18	+0.03	2.91
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	79.77	85.31†	+0.65	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.22	47.07†	+0.13	...
-do- Acc	46.88	49.84	+0.14	...
Far East Opps	29.56	31.84	+0.11	...
-do- Acc	30.40	32.72	+0.12	...
General Growth	96.69	103.60	+0.60	2.04
Global Tech	108.80	117.70	...	...
Income Growth	99.00	106.50	+1.30	3.51
Income Monthly	55.49	59.34	-0.01	4.33
Japan Growth	78.84	83.84	+0.69	...
Overseas Gth	74.34	79.16	+0.40	...
Smaller Cos	69.34	74.55†	+0.51	1.67
Special Opps	97.23	104.50	+0.40	2.20
Wld Spec Sits	45.68	49.26	+0.38	...
-do- Acc	45.78	49.38	+0.38	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	194.34	...	...	...
Global Bond	195.01	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	104.34	...	...	...
UK Growth	104.34	...	...	4.30
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	42.77	45.45	...	1.81
Equity Gth Acc	56.64	60.19	-0.40	1.65
UK Eq General	40.66	43.21†	-0.30	2.43
-do- Acc	53.76	57.13	-0.30	2.43
European Acc	40.47	43.00	+0.30	1.14
Far East Acc	53.54	56.89	+0.60	0.19
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.90	31.62†	-0.30	6.65
N American Acc	42.39	45.04	+0.30	0.68
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	268.20	291.10	+2.10	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	33.76	35.87†	-0.10	4.10
-do- Acc	40.09	42.60	-0.10	4.10
UK Lgr Cos Inc	280.10	304.00†	-1.40	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Acc	364.70	395.80	-1.80	3.89
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$283.56	N$283.79	...	1.16
US Eq	$2.110	$2.242	...	0.78
Far East Eq	Y242.1	Y257.1	...	...
Japan Eq	Y241.9	Y257.0	...	...
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	...	2.15
FT North Am	$1.718	$1.821	...	1.07
FT Japan	Y239.2	Y254.1	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.812	$1.924	...	1.76
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	334.90	355.80	+1.30	0.30
British	911.90	964.80	+4.80	4.38
European	380.70	404.50	+1.60	1.46
Japan	138.50	147.10	+0.90	...
New Pacific	286.10	304.70	+4.90	1.29
Mngd Cash	95.54	95.54†	...	4.95
Majority Stlg	99.71	100.71†	+0.03	4.93
Inv Tst	179.50	190.30	+0.20	1.87
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	718.30	759.70	+3.70	2.75
N America Acc	109.70	117.30	+0.90	0.14
Far East Acc	117.90	126.10	+1.40	...
W wide Bond	60.33	64.04†	-0.51	5.47
European	81.46	87.12	+0.39	0.20
Equity Income	80.26	85.84	+0.32	3.64
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.26	35.58	+0.13	0.64
Managed Assets	115.17	123.18	-0.15	3.31
UK Income	35.61	38.09	+0.05	3.07
UK Growth	35.09	37.54	+0.05	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.12	32.22	+0.07	0.43
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	199.53	212.27	+1.12	0.01
-do- Acc	219.15	233.14	+1.22	0.01
British Gth	82.64	87.92†	+0.86	1.84
-do- Acc	97.23	103.44†	+1.12	1.84
European	92.55	98.46	-1.13	0.82
-do- Acc	97.63	103.86	-1.20	0.82
Extra Inc	179.62	191.09	+0.35	3.87
-do- Acc	286.54	304.83	+0.53	3.87
General Unit	255.14	271.43	+3.19	2.47
-do- Acc	503.45	535.59	+6.30	2.47
Income	310.60	330.43	+1.39	3.49
-do- Acc	632.66	673.03	+2.83	3.49
International	471.02	501.09†	+2.80	0.50
-do- Acc	616.58	655.93†	+3.66	0.50
Pacific	326.20	347.02	+3.72	...
-do- Acc	341.62	363.43	+3.89	...
Premier Income	50.75	52.86	-0.15	6.49
-do- Acc	104.22	108.56	-0.31	6.49
Nat Resources	98.22	104.49†	+1.53	0.61
-do- Acc	107.73	114.61†	+1.68	0.61
Selected Opps	92.10	97.97†	+0.46	1.12
-do- Acc	115.30	122.66†	+0.59	1.12
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	68.39	72.94	+1.13	...
-do- Acc	70.54	75.24	+1.16	...
Cash	50.34	50.34†	-0.02	6.24
-do- Acc	61.47	61.47†	+0.02	6.24
European Opps	60.41	64.43	+0.52	0.46
-do- Acc	61.04	65.10	+0.53	0.46
Far East Opps	144.30	153.92†	+1.19	...
-do- Acc	147.62	157.51†	+1.23	...
Gold/Nat. Res	40.13	42.80	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	41.27	44.02	+0.20	...
Japan	79.20	84.48†	+1.02	...
-do- Acc	79.20	84.48†	+1.02	...
Little Dragons	63.72	67.96†	+0.21	0.73
-do- Acc	65.72	70.10†	+0.22	0.73
Oriental Income	41.40	44.16†	+0.39	3.60
-do- Acc	52.87	56.39†	+0.49	3.60
Tiger	201.45	214.88	+1.74	1.23
-do- Acc	212.21	226.35	+1.83	1.23
UK Small Cos	65.52	70.07	+0.10	2.27
-do- Acc	76.45	81.76	+0.12	2.27
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	13.41	14.26	-0.16	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.24	32.17	+0.13	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.95	38.24	+0.15	0.10
Global Bond	$0.976	$1.017	-0.004	7.29
Penny Share	20.78	22.10	-0.25	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.53	52.53	...	5.80
Gilt Growth	65.86	68.54	-0.59	...
Gilt Income	51.82	53.92†	-0.41	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	106.40	107.80†	-0.40	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.724	-0.000	...
Challenger	90.67	92.78	-0.22	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	65.92	70.12	+0.24	2.01

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	17,000	Carlton C	896	Land Secs	295	Scot Hydro	434
Abbey Natl	1,500	Coats Vyla	863	Legal & Gn	612	Scot & New	398
Allid-Lyons	800	Cm Union	533	Lloyds Bk	4,500	Scot Power	983
Anglian W	601	Courtaulds	465	MB Cardn	406	Sears	2,500
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	121	Marks Spr	2,000	Svrn Trent	1,000
Arjo Wig	308	Eng China	343	NFC	1,000	Shell Trans	1,700
AB Foods	1,500	Enterpr Oil	993	NatWst Bk	4,900	Siebe	396
BAA	1,900	Fisons	1,000	Nat Power	285	SmKl Bch	1,000
BAT Inds	1 400	Forte	3,200	Nth Wst W	995	Smith Nph	1,300
BOC	786	GRE	512	Nthrn Fds	1,700	Sthern Elec	528
BP	4,800	GUS A	293	P & O	958	Std Chartd	1,300
BT	7,900	Gen Acc	709	Pearson	584	Sun Allnce	661
BTR	3,600	Gen Elec	3,900	PowerGen	1,300	TI Gp	1,600
Bk of Scot	3,800	Glaxo	3,700	Prudential	817	TSB	2,600
Barclays	3,500	Granada	1,100	RTZ	808	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Bass	576	Grand Met	1,900	Rank Org	407	Tesco	6,200
Blue Circle	3,100	Guinness	2,500	Reckitt Col	192	Thames W	1,100
Boots	2,600	HSBC	879	Redland	1,200	Thrn EMI	924
Bowater	780	Hanson	5,400	Reed Intl	1,000	Tomkins	3,400
Brit Airwys	1,100	ICI	2,400	Rentokil	233	Unilever	616
Brit Gas	4,200	Inchcape	963	Reuters	1,100	Utd Bisc	1,400
Brit Steel	10,000	Kingfisher	357	Rothmans	113	Vodafone	3,400
Burmah C	294	Kwik Save	212	Ryl Ins	2,100	Wellcome	610
Cable Wire	322	LASMO	3,300	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100	Whitbd 'A'	648
Cadbury	1,300	Ladbroke	1,100	Sainsbury	1,100	Wlms Hld	1,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3464.83 (-13.78)
S&P Composite 446.55 (-2.39)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20112.34 (-185.52)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6680.15 (-17.0)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 110.7 (+1.0)

Sydney: AO 1696.4 (-6.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1693.30 (+14.45)

FT 30 share: 2208.7 (+6.2)

Brussels:
General 6296.87 (-18.66)

Paris: CAC 539.28 (+2.73)

Zurich: SKA Gen Closed

London:
FT A All-Share 1387.43 (+1.36)
FT 500 1513.84 (+0.96)
FT Gold Mines 112.1 (+0.1)
FT Fixed Interest 111.89 (-0.89)
FT Govt Secs 96.08 (-0.27)
Bargains 28287
SEAQ Volume 462.9m
USM (Datastrm) 131.39 (+0.20)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 19/4/93: Armour Tst, BM Pref, Br Steel, Cannon St Casket, CrestaCare, Fairhaven Intl, Ferranti Intl, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Harrstone, LBMS, Mid-States, Tadpole, Tarmac, Taylor Nelson.
Put: Taylor Nelson. Put & Call: Kunick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2841.0	2858.0	2837.0	2842.0	7960
Previous open interest: 42956	Sep 93				2863.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.95	93.96	93.89	93.92	17890
Previous open interest: 299327	Sep 93	93.96	93.96	93.85	93.89	23865
	Dec 93	93.83	93.83	93.72	93.77	11556
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.77	96.77	96.76	96.77	528
Previous open interest: 17437	Sep 93	96.65	96.65	96.65	96.66	125
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.75	92.76	92.71	92.74	20628
Previous open interest:n/a	Sep 93	93.63	93.64	93.60	93.63	14547
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				112-00	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				110-23	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-14	105-27	105-01	105-23	36543
Previous open interest: 69476	Sep 93				104-28	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.80	108.89	108.78	108.84	881
	Sep 93				108.15	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	96.41	96.53	96.26	96.34	47420
Previous open interest: 145351	Sep 93	96.70	96.72	96.62	96.63	162
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.88	91.88	91.79	91.82	936
Previous open interest: 18612	Sep 93	92.78	92.78	92.71	92.72	270
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.43	95.43	95.35	95.38	3081
Previous open interest: 34140	Sep 93	95.79	95.80	95.76	95.78	211
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.91	96.45	95.75	95.87	13896
Previous open interest: 46983	Sep 93	95.97	95.97	95.97	95.79	20

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.1 (day's range 80.0-80.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7616-2.7736	2.7702-2.7736	¼-½ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Brussels	50.57-50.77	50.66-50.76	7-12ds	22-28ds
Copenhagen	9.4190-9.4800	9.4340-9.4560	3⅞-5⅛ds	11⅞-14⅛ds
Dublin	1.0029-1.0199	1.0178-1.0199	21-27ds	58-68ds
Frankfurt	2.4583-2.4687	2.4624-2.4656	⅜-½ds	1-1⅛ds
Lisbon	227.11-228.82	227.46-227.92	230-240ds	564-599ds
Madrid	177.46-178.49	178.21-178.49	106-114ds	319-345ds
Milan	2350.00-2360.40	2350.80-2353.90	9-11ds	29-31ds
Montreal	1.9182-1.9341	1.9320-1.9341	0.24-0.14pr	0.41-0.26pr
New York	1.5280-1.5400	1.5390-1.5400	0.37-0.36pr	1.10-1.08pr
Oslo	10.4000-10.4620	10.4190-10.4420	1⅞-2⅜ds	5-6⅜ds
Paris	8.2950-8.3410	8.2950-8.3090	2⅜-2⅞ds	5-5⅞ds
Stockholm	11.3650-11.4560	11.3650-11.3890	3-4⅛ds	9⅞-10⅞ds
Tokyo	169.60-171.25	170.98-171.25	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅜pr
Vienna	17.30-17.38	17.32-17.38	2-3ds	5⅛-7ds
Zurich	2.2577-2.2654	2.2623-2.2654	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5307-1.5333
Australia dollar	2.1372-2.1402
Bahrain dinar	0.5705-0.5825
Brazil cruzeiro *	44511.7-44529.4
Cyprus pound	0.727-0.737
Finland marka	8.4845-8.6005
Greece drachma	333.0-340.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.8551-11.8645
India rupee	47.47-48.43
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4565-0.4665
Malaysia ringgit	3.9533-3.9575
Mexico peso	4.67-4.77
New Zealand dollar	2.8413-2.8486
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.672-5.798
Singapore dollar	2.4850-2.4882
S Africa rand (fin)	7.4705-7.5522
S Africa rand (com)	4.8704-4.8813
U A E dirham	5.5555-5.6795

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3937-1.3947
Austria	11.29-11.31
Belgium (Com)	33.02-33.06
Canada	1.2553-1.2558
Denmark	6.15-6.16
France	5.422-5.427
Germany	1.605-1.606
Hong Kong	7.7308-7.7318
Ireland	1.510-1.512
Italy	1538.0-1539.0
Japan	110.85-110.90
Malaysia	2.578-2.579
Netherlands	1.803-1.804
Norway	6.79-6.80
Portugal	148.2-148.4
Singapore	1.6205-1.6215
Spain	115.8-116.0
Sweden	7.4275-7.4375
Switzerland	1.4738-1.4748

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂	5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank:	6-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛

Overnight: open 5⅞, close 4½.

Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6	6	6
Sterling CDs:	5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂	5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	6⅛-6	6⅛-6
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.08-3.05	3.16-3.13	3.35-3.32
Building Society CDs:	5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8¹⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹³⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅝	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc	9⅞-9⅝	9⅞-9⅝	9-8⅞	8⅞-8⅝	10⅛-9⅝
Swiss Franc	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	5⅛-4⅞
Yen	3⅛-3	3⅛-3¹⁄₁₆	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $340.20-340.50 Close: $339.60-340.00 High: $340.85-341.35 Low: $338.50-339.00 Krugerrand: $339.00-341.00 (£220.00-221.75)
Sovereigns: Old $80.50-83.50 (£50.25-52.25) New $80.50-83.50 (£50.25-52.25)
Platinum: $371.85 (£242.55) Silver: $3.90 (£2.525) Palladium: $114.35 (£74.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	550	27	40	46	32	43	48
(*549)	600	11	22	28	72	77	79
ASDA	67	8	12	-	5	7½	-
(*68½)	76	5	7½	-	10	13	-
Bass	550	36	49	56	22	29	40
(*561½)	600	15	27	34	54	57	67
Boots	460	39	52	58	14	20	25
(*475)	500	19	30	39	24	40	45
Br Airways	280	23	32	36	15	20	25
(*285)	300	14	23	27	26	30	36
BP	300	21	27	33	12½	18	22
(*303)	330	8	14	21	32	36	39
Br Steel	90	12	17½	20	6½	8½	11
(*95½)	100	6	11	15	11	14	15
C & W	700	52	67	80	25	34	43
(*727½)	750	26	41	55	54	61	71
CU	560	62	67	-	11	21	-
(*619½)	629	31	42	-	30	43	-
Courtauld	550	31	45	54	25	35	42
(*560)	600	13	25	32	59	66	70
GKN	420	48	53	-	7½	15	-
(*454)	460	23	30	-	23	33	-
ICI	1150	83	97	120	38	62	70
(*1180½)	1200	56	72	95	62	88	98
Kingfshr	564	32	45	-	30	39	-
(*586½)	632	15	26	-	62	69	-
Land Sec	500	42	47	50	12	17	24
(*534½)	550	12	20	27	43	45	51
M & S	330	31	37	42	9	14	16
(*351½)	360	14	22	27	24	27	31
Sainsbury	460	30	44	52	23	28	32
(*465½)	500	14	25	33	47	51	55
Shell	550	50	59	64	6½	14½	18
(*583)	600	20½	29	36	27	38	41
Smkl Bch	390	52	61	72	13	21	27
(*431½)	420	32	44	55	26	33	40
Storehse	180	26	31	34	8	12	16
(*196½)	200	14	20	24	17	23	26
Trafalgar	83	11	14	-	7	10	-
(*96½)	92	6	11	-	13	15	-
Unilever	1100	68	91	106	28	39	42
(*1123)	1150	37	63	76	54	63	73

	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	420	31	40	49	18	24	30
(*426)	460	13	22	31	41	47	50
Ladbroke	160	24	30	33	8	15	15
(*171)	180	13	21	24	19	26	30
Utd Bisc	360	45	54	60	10	16	20
(*389½)	390	29	35	45	20	29	35

April 19, 1993 Tot: 23608 Calls: 11367 Puts: 12241 FT-SE Calls: 2877 Puts: 6145
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	35	49	65	10	27	36
(*767½)	800	10	25	41	36	55	63
BAT Ind	900	32	61	75	22	40	60
(*900½)	950	12	37	53	52	68	88
BTR	600	24	38	51	8	20	31
(*613)	650	4½	18	29	42	48	60
Br Aero	260	34	49	61	4½	18	28
(*287½)	280	23	38	50	11	26	37
Br Telcm	390	31	40	45	2½	11	16
(*417½)	420	11	21	27	12	24	29
Cadbury	460	28	41	52	6	14	22
(*471½)	500	7	21	31	28	35	43
Guinness	460	31	46	58	6	16	24
(*482½)	500	8½	24	37	25	36	44
GEC	300	23	29	35	2½	10	13
(*316½)	330	5½	11	19	15	25	29
Hanson	220	18	21	25½	2	7	10
(*233½)	240	5	10½	15½	9½	16	20
LASMO	130	22	28	34	2½	7	10½
(*146)	140	14	22	28	5	10	15
Lucas	120	17	23	26	2½	7	12
(*134½)	130	10	17	21	6	12	16
P & O	550	19	40	52	17	31	49
(*553½)	600	5½	20	31	55	64	82
Pilkington	110	13	17	20	3	7	9
(*120)	120	6½	10½	15	6½	11	14
Prudential	330	12½	23	29	9	16	23
(*331½)	360	3	11	17	30	34	41
RTZ	650	22	42	57	17	32	43
(*649½)	700	4½	21	35	55	64	74
Scot New	460	18	31	38	10	24	31
(*463)	500	4	14	22	37	50	57
Tesco	220	12	20	25	6	12	15
(*220)	240	3½	12	18	21	24	30
Thames W	500	28	34	42	6	22	30
(*519)	550	5	12	19	35	54	60
Vodafone	360	34	43	56	4	13	20
(*387)	390	15	26	38	14	27	34

FT-SE INDEX (*2830)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	-	110	72	40	22	9½
Jun	165	128	95	63	43	26
Jul	182	145	113	85	61	40
Aug	207	172	141	110	86	64
Dec	264	-	193	-	143	-
Puts						
May	8½	13	28	50	79	124
Jun	21	32	49	70	97	133
Jul	-	43	61	109	142	181
Aug	42	56	73	92	119	149
Dec	79	-	114	-	161	-

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	360	30	39	47	7	15	19
(*377½)	390	13	23	30	20	29	33
Amstrad	30	7	8	10	2	3	3½
(*35)	35	3½	5½	7	3½	5½	6
Barclays	390	40	50	58	8	18	25
(*413½)	420	20	33	43	21	32	39
Blue Circ	220	25	34	40	6½	13	16
(*236)	240	13	24	30	15	21	26
Br Gas	280	33	34	37	3½	7½	12
(*308)	300	15½	20½	25	10½	15	22
	330	3	9	12½	32	35	40
Dixons	180	27	32	38	6	12	15
(*197½)	200	14	21	27	13	22	26
Eurotnl	460	25	45	60	42	57	68
(*440)	500	14	35	46	70	83	94
Forte	180	19	27	29	6	11	16
(*192)	200	8½	16	20	15	20	27
Glaxo	550	40	61	72	28	43	59
(*562)	600	21	40	50	58	71	89
	650	8½	25	34	98	108	122
HSBC	600	55	77	93	16	32	43
(*628½)	650	29	51	68	40	55	67
Hillsdwn	140	15	21	25	6	10	13
(*151)	160	6	12	16	17	21	24
Lonrho	80	10	13	16½	5	8½	10½
(*83½)	90	5	8½	12	11	14	16½
Reuter	1250	72	110	140	35	60	79
(*1264½)	1300	45	82	118	60	90	108
R-Royce	120	11	17	20	6½	10½	15
(*124½)	130	7½	13	16	13	15½	20
Sears	100	6½	9½	12	5½	9	11
(*102)	110	3	6	7½	13	15	16
Thrn Emi	850	55	70	83	14	37	47
(*888)	900	27	43	55	36	65	73
TSB	160	25	29	32	3	7½	10
(*180)	180	12	17	21	10	16	19
Vaal Reefs	40	6½	8	9	3	5	6
(*$44)	45	4½	6	7	5	7½	8½
Wellcome	700	55	80	103	29	47	65
(*701½)	750	31	57	74	57	74	92

	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	17	24	28	17	23	25
(*156½)	180	9	17	19	30	36	38

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	20	31	38	8½	25	31
(*471½)	500	4	12½	21	34	51	55

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	330	23	32	42	7½	14	18
(*342½)	360	9	18	27	24	29	32
Scot Pwr	310	15½	20	24	7½	15	19
(*314½)	330	6	10½	14½	20	26	31

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Wheat saw continued liquidation in May, which is expected to hold prices down in the short term. June prices are expected to rally once the May selling abates. New crops were slow to react but buyers took advantage of Friday's late dip. Sellers raised their ideas and prices slowly rose throughout the session.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	676-675	Jul	769-767
Jul	688-687	Sep	780 BID
Sep	701-700	Dec	804 BID
Dec	721-719	Mar	830-825
Mar	740-739		
May	754-752		Volume: 6540

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	879-878	Jan	877-873
Jul	860-859	Mar	884-880
Sep	860-859	May	899 SLR
Nov	870-867		Volume: 2076

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	-	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	279.4-77.7
Spot: 287.0		May	282.3-79.7
Aug	296.0-95.0	Aug	286.3-83.2
Oct	279.5-79.0	Oct	278.3-68.2
Dec	278.9-77.6		Volume: 563

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	89.40	149.11	136.29
(+/-)	-2.54	+5.81	-0.65
Eng/Wales:	89.46	149.97	135.93
(+/-)	-2.67	-4.63	-0.83
(%)	+159.2	+54.0	+41.8
Scotland:	82.73	132.89	139.73
(+/-)	-7.44	+7.45	+1.91
(%)	-76.9	-28.6	-30.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	114.0	114.0	Oct	unq	unq
Jun	110.0	110.0		Volume: 12	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	144.45
Jun	145.50
Sep	107.75
Nov	109.85
Jan	112.95
	Volume: 231

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	140.25
Sep	106.50
Nov	109.25
Jan	111.65
Mar	113.15
	Volume: 8

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	unq
Jun	138.30
Aug	139.50
Oct	143.50
Dec	unq
	Volume: 50

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	43.5	45.5
Apr	96.0	94.0
May	unq	101.5
		Volume: 37

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
May 58.50-59.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil trading week started slowly although there were some signs of buying for early May crude.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	n/c
Brent 15 day (May)	18.70	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.85	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.05	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.35	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	207 (n/c)	209 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	182 (-1)	183 (-1)
Non EEC 1H May	179 (-1)	180 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	176 (-1)	176 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	77 (n/c)
Naphtha	179 (n/c)	180 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

May	175.75-76.00	Aug	174.25-74.75
Jun	173.25-73.50	Sep	176.50-76.75
Jul	173.25-73.50	Oct	179.00-79.50
			Vol: 5727

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.83-18.84	Sep	19.04 SLR
Jul	18.84-18.86	Oct	19.05-19.08
Aug	18.94-18.95		Vol: 13466

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	204.00-05.50	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	204.50-08.50	Sep	217.00 SLR
Jul	205.00-11.50		Vol: 7

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1510	1508	1512
May 93	1490	1485	1489
Jun 93	1395	1380	1396
Jul 93	1277	1275	1277

Vol: 172 lots. Open int'st: 3086 Index 1496 +8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1231.0-1232.0	1251.0-1252.0	2284100
Lead (£/tonne)	272.00-272.50	282.00-282.50	82200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1003.0-1003.5	1023.0-1024.0	197250
Tin ($/tonne)	5560.0-5565.0	5620.0-5625.0	7605
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1099.0-1099.5	1123.0-1123.5	772125
Nickel ($/tonne)	5825.0-5826.0	5895.0-5900.0	87210

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Strs	
2	Union Disc	Banks,Disc	
3	Provident	Banks,Disc	
4	London Elect	Electricity	
5	Gen Accident	Insurance	
6	Yorkshire W	Water	
7	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Strs	
8	Severn Trent	Water	
9	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Rds	
10	Nat West	Banks,Disc	
11	Kewill Sys	Electrical	
12	South West	Water	
13	Hardy O & G	Oils,Gas	
14	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Strs	
15	Henlys	Motors,Air	
16	Thames Water	Water	
17	Wardle Storeys	Chems,Plas	
18	Ulster TV	Leisure	
19	Utd Nwspprs	Newspapr,Pub	
20	Sth Western	Electricity	
21	Unilever	Industrial	
22	Eurotherm	Electrical	
23	Danka Bs Sys	Industrial	
24	Br Steel	Industrial	
25	Swire Pacfc 'A'	Industrial	
26	Rank Org	Industrial	
27	Greenalls Grp	Breweries	
28	Eastern Elect	Electricity	
29	Acorn Comp	Electrical	
30	MAM	Fin Trusts	
31	Granada	Industrial	
32	Grampian Hd	Industrial	
33	Brixton	Property	
34	Rothmans 'B'	Tobaccos	
35	St Helena	Mining	
36	Prudential	Insurance	
37	Anglian Water	Water	
38	Southern Elec	Electricity	
39	Barclays	Banks,Disc	
40	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Strs	

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 19. Dealings end May 7. §Contango day May 10. Settlement day May 17. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High 1993	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Ntl	378	+6	11.5	3.8	14.6
255	179	Allied Irish	253	-1	...	5.9	15.0
176	130	Aus New Z	163	+1	...	5.9	...
3806½	2831½	Bankamerica	3512½	+68½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	248	-1	...	4.8	39.7
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	129½	+3½	4.3	4.3	19.8
464	362	Barclays	414	+6	15.1	4.6	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½				
52	31	Brown Shipley	35				
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½				
485	395	Cater Allen	485	...	26.0	6.7	...
115	85	Cattles	113	...	...	4.6	-
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2412½	+31½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1962½	+18½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	325	-9	...	3.7	14.5
£129½	9275	Commerzbk	£124	+200	...	...	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£291	+90½	...	3.2	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	60				
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1151	-57	...	0.4	63.0
445	343	Gerrard Nat	444	+2	21.0	5.9	...
654	490	HSBC	629	-2	19.9	3.8	-
634	474	HSBC HK	609	-2	19.0	3.9	-
356	243	Hambros	341	-2	13.8	5.1	15.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	15.8	5.5	...
126	96	King Shaxson	125	...	5.0	5.0	...
395	312	Kleinwort Ben	386	...	16.0	5.2	13.5
573	492	Lloyds	525	-1	18.4	4.4	15.0
91	63	Lon Scot Bk	87	+1	3.0	4.3	17.2
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	424	-3	...	5.1	13.8
485	398	Nat West	461	+6	17.5	4.7	28.0
834	674	Provident	834	+3	28.5	4.3	14.4
47	39	Rea Brod	43	...	0.5	1.5	45.7
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	257	+3	8.8	4.3	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1783	...	22.0	1.5	-
731	576	Stand Chart	723	+18	...	3.5	...
187½	145½	TSB	180	+2	6.4	4.4	...
119	78	Union Disc	115	+5	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	666	-8	18.0	3.4	19.7
227	185	-do- 6% 'A'	225	+½	...	3.3	...
7850	4647½	Wells Fargo	7850	+400	...	1.3	...
159	121	Westpac	157	+2	...	5.2	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	550	-1	20.0	4.5	12.8
647	533	Bass	561	-1	18.9	4.2	12.2
258	189	Boddington	250	+5	7.3	3.6	14.6
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	402	...	9.8	2.8	18.5
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	139	...	4.4	4.0	10.1
307	261	Devenish (JA)	304	...	7.8	3.2	17.1
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
68½	54½	Fosters Brewing	58	...	...	5.1	7.4
360	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	355	-3	...	2.4	14.9
460	411	Grand Met	425	-9	12.3	3.6	14.0
423	388	Greenalls Grp	406	+6	11.7	3.6	13.4
565	505	Greene King	554	+3	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	482 †	+7½	...	3.1	17.2
281	230	Hardy Hansn	238	...	7.9	4.1	13.2
113	108	Heavitree	108	...	3.0	3.5	25.9
75	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	3.0	4.9	18.7
288	255	Highland Distl	285 †	+6½	6.0	2.6	18.9
3125	2538	Holt J	2925	...	35.0	1.5	20.4
55	33	Hoskins Brew	54	...	...	...	38.9
323	250	Invergordn Dist	267	+7	7.0	3.3	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	157 †	-½	0.9	0.7	35.3
465	375	Mcdn Mrtn 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
732	655	Mansfield	730	-1	13.6	2.3	15.7
256	231	Mrston Thmp	243	...	4.9	2.3	14.2
435	412	Matthew Clark	422	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
300	255	Mrrydwn W	260	-3	...	3.0	18.8
490	455	Morland	455	-3	8.4	2.3	18.1
12	6½	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
990	763	SA Breweries	763	-7	...	3.5	-
482½	406	Scot & New	460	-7	16.1	4.4	12.5
198	181	Taunton Cider	190	...	...	3.1	17.7
242	213	Vaux Group	224	-1	9.3	5.2	15.4
268	225	Wetherspoon JD	255	...	...	2.4	20.6
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	452	-5	16.9	4.7	12.7
1180	850	-do- 'B'	685	+10	16.9	2.4	24.0
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	563	...	11.4	2.5	15.8
515	460	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	18	...	...	...	...
106	67	Allen	89	...	...	7.0	10.8
94	65	Amec	82 †	-1	3.0	4.6	-
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
188	155	Ashtead	181	...	4.1	2.9	22.4
142	110	Attwoods	113	...	3.0	5.6	16.1
238	180	BPB Ind	211	...	...	4.4	53.6
64	57	Baggeridge Brk	84	...	3.1	4.7	28.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	20½	+½	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	75	...	1.2	2.1	13.6
138	94	Barratt Devs	131	+1	2.0	1.9	14.6
303	305	Bellway	302	...	11.5	3.7	22.7
32	15	Bellwinch	27	+4	...	...	...
396	295½	Berkeley Gp	396	+1	...	1.9	27.3
63	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	2.4
46	36	Blockleys	45 †	+½	1.0	2.8	-
244	159	Blue Circle	237 †	+3½	11.2	5.9	-
280	230	Boot (Henry)	277	...	...	2.4	15.1
106	78	Breedon PLC	90 †	+1	4.6	6.4	-
105	82	Br Dredging	101 †	+½	5.2	6.4	-
70	45	Brit Fittings	54	+1	5.3	...	...
131	99	Bryant	130	...	4.8	4.6	27.8
63	53	CALA	61	+3	2.3	...	...
262	205	CRH	262	+2	...	3.5	16.6
43	22	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
37	22	Costain	34	-2	...	...	...
129	90	Countryside	125	...	4.1	4.1	33.0
63	38	Crest Nicholson	56	...	0.0	...	...
45	28	Cussins	60	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
300	178	Epwin	198	...	6.8	4.4	-
47	32	Erith	46	...	0.3	1.0	...
336	252	Eve Group	335	...	...	3.6	12.1
53	34	Evered Bardon	38 †	+1½	2.0	6.6	-
6½	4½	Explaura	5½	...	...	...	...
124	97	Freeman Gp	122	+1	...	...	...
50	38	Galliford	39	...	4.3	...	15.7
78	68	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	...	...	...
755	695	Gleeson (MJ)	753	...	12.7	2.1	12.2
111	90	Hewden-Stuart	109½ #	+1½	3.2	3.7	-
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	2.6	...	49.1
263	180	Heywd Wlm	253	...	12.5	6.2	...
74	37	Higgs & Hill	74	+3	2.5	4.3	-
35	27	How Gp	31	...	2.5	...	10.7
10	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
61	39	Ibstock Johnsen	54	+3	1.0	2.3	-
19	14½	Jarvis	17½	...	0.5	...	...
247	106	Laing (J)	238	...	9.0	4.7	-
83	55	Ln Clydeside	66	...	4.5	8.5	24.9
21½	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19	...	...	...	8.6
305	240	Manders	203	...	9.0	3.8	17.9
130	93	Marley	126	+1	4.2	4.2	37.0
76	61	Marshalls	71	+1	...	9.8	23.8
130	122	Maunders (J)	126	...	4.9	4.8	11.7
100	70	McAlpine (A)	165	...	6.5	4.9	25.6
35	23	McCarthy & S	32½	...	0.5	6.1	...
335	284	Meyer Int	333	+3	16.5	6.2	34.3
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
90	62	Mowlem (J)	98 †	+1	4.0	5.1	...
78	63	NSM	65	+2	...	...	...
53	48	Nordic	48	...	...	4.0	-
140	106	Newman Tnks	132	...	...	4.5	-
263	197	Persimmon	259	-2	8.6	4.2	26.4
26	22	Phoenix Timber	22				
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
96	80	Prowting	91	...	3.4	4.7	-
6½	4½	Quiligotti	4½				
659	555	RMC Gp	640 †	+11½	20.0	3.9	-
117	90	Raine Ind	93	...	6.0	8.1	15.5
36	20	Ramus	22	...	...	...	
499	402	Redland	436 †	-2½	...	7.2	30.9
75	64	Rostel	68 †	-1	4.3	7.9	10.0
254	207	Rugby Group	250	+2	6.4	3.2	-
40	25	Srufid-Rives	40	...	...	...	
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	95 †	-½	4.0	5.3	-
172	110	Sheffield Insl	158	...	5.4	4.3	-
96	82	Sherill Hldgs	96	+1	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shoron	76 †	+2	...	8.6	-
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Starmin	5½	-½	0.3	7.1	6.3
138	100	Tarmac	133	+1	5.5	5.2	55.0
194	137	Tay Homes	171	...	5.8	4.3	10.9
101	63	Taylor Woodrw	98½	-½	1.0	1.3	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	488	...	33.0	8.9	-
24	19	Torex Hire	23	...	...	2.2	...
192	168	Travis Perkins	186	...	8.0	5.4	26.3
34	30	Try Group	32 †	-½	1.0	3.9	9.1
28	26	Tudor	28 †	+½	...	1.1	...
67	41	Vibroplant	52	+2	3.6	8.7	9.6
41	20	Ward Hldgs	35	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	444	-1	10.7	3.1	-
14	8	Wescol	14	...	...	...	...
130	90	Westbury	130	...	...	4.7	...
12	4½	West Scaffold	9				
12	5	Wiggins	9				
421	371	Wilson Bowden	414 †	-1	8.7	2.6	26.4
181	147	Wilson (C)	180	-1	3.9	2.8	-
158	107	Wimpey G	154	-2	5.2	4.3	-
42	25	YRM	40	...	4.0	...	4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
605	463	ADT	570	...	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
88	56	Air London	84	+5	...	5.2	10.4
50	37	African Lakes	44 †	-1	2.0	5.7	-
175	125	Auto Sec	158 †	-1	5.3	4.2	-
108	84	BET Ord	94	+2	...	8.6	13.8
75	41	BNB Res	75	+1	4.9	8.2	-
318	258	BPP	281	...	8.0	3.6	-
285	250	Barbour Index	250	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Boustead	18	...	0.7	5.0	-
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	208	...	...	2.4	17.3
14	11	Broadcastle	14	...	...	...	-
65	54	Brooks Service	58	+1	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	89	-1	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	172 †	+7	...	1.5	-
40	31	Castel Plc	37	...	0.5	1.7	14.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
43	26	Christie	43	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	269	+1	...	1.3	20.7
33	18	Comaca	30	-1	...	...	...
18½	6½	Corp Services	14½	...	...	...	...
80	50	Darr	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	231	...	...	4.3	-
104	85	EW Facil	97	...	4.3	5.6	-
16½	11	Gardiner	15	...	0.6	5.5	-
36	20	Gardner (DC)	36	...	...	...	-
246	226	Hays	229 †	+½	4.6	2.5	22.5
220	175	Hogg Robinson	178	+1	8.3	4.4	13.4
70	55	Holmes Protectn	56	...	...	...	3.3
162	127	Hutch Whamp	150	+2	...	3.2	-
£128¼	9650	ISS B DKr	£115¼	...	...	0.9	16.2
637	532	Inchcape	605 †	+9½	...	2.8	20.5
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8½				
244	173	Mitie Gp	215	...	2.7	1.6	17.7
1187	893	Manpower	994				
44½	41	Michael Page	41 †	...	1.8	5.5	-
279	217	Penna	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½				
120	85	Proudfoot Alex	118	...	...	12.7	2.5
423	385	RCO	390	...	12.8	4.4	13.4
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
69	43	Reed Executive	55				
156	115	Reliance Secs	116	...	...	4.8	11.7
238	208	Rentokil	214	...	2.3	1.3	-
278	230	Rolfe & Nolan	223	-2	6.2	2.8	18.3
399	343	Salvesen (C)	372	+4	7.0	2.4	20.6
35	29	Scott Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	182	-1	9.4	6.5	9.6
6	5	Select Appts	6				
953	695	Serco Gp	950	...	14.0	1.8	-
352	252	Sherwd Cmps	304	+10	...	2.9	-
130	95	Sketchley	96	...	3.0	3.9	11.7
355	327	Warner Howrd	335	...	...	2.3	18.9
45	28	Welpac	28	...	0.6	2.7	...
35	14	Wills Gp	34½	-½	...	0.5	33.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	223	-3	3.9	2.2	17.7
759	613	Amersham	695	-1	12.5	2.2	25.8
7	4½	Anglo Utd	4½	...	0.8	...	
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9800	-487½	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	240	...	8.8	4.6	17.6
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£114½	+9½	...	5.0	...
156	134	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.0	16.0
166	137	Brent Chems	143	+1	7.4	6.5	-
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	455	...	...	...	-
29	18	Caird Gp	23½	-1½	1.3	7.1	-
153	127	Canning (W)	131 †	+½	7.2	7.0	-
608	533½	Courtaulds	560	+2	13.0	2.9	15.2
276	228	Croda	269 †	...	7.756	3.6	-
146	121	Doeflex	128	+1	4.6	4.5	9.8
198	175	Ellis & Everard	182	+3	7.0	4.8	16.6
28	15½	Euro Colour	22	-½	0.6	3.7	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
225	194	Hickson	220 †	+2	8.0	4.5	-
£11¼	9612½	Hoechst	£10¾	-25	...	7.7	...
214	195	Holliday Chem	209	...	...	2.2	19.2
1294	1048	ICI	1182	-8	55.0	5.8	29.4
688	581	Laporte	630	+5	19.5	3.9	-
223	190	Leigh	191	-4	7.8	5.1	15.6
19½	11	MTM	12	+½	1.6	...	2.4
1600	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1600	-150	...	1.8	-
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	371	...	11.4	3.9	18.0
295	254	Plysu	267	...	6.0	2.8	18.0
210	173	Porvair	208	...	3.6	2.2	22.2
15	7	Sutcliffe Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	448 †	+4	16.0	4.5	18.0
490	395	Wolstenholme R	448 †	+½	27.0	4.7	-
391	368	Yorks Chem	380	+1	...	2.5	20.4
306	240	Yule Catto	282 †	+½	5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	83	...	3.0	4.5	...
78	42	Amber Day	75	-1	3.1	5.2	20.6
319	257	Argos Plc	308	+5	...	2.8	21.2
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	90	+3	0.1	0.1	-
305	283	Asprey	290	...	...	2.1	23.5
208	188	Austin Reed	188	...	6.0	...	54.7
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	3.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	117	-1	3.8	4.1	66.0
273	208	Betterware	260	+3	...	0.6	35.8
31	22	Blacks Leis	23	...	...	3.3	4.7
227	133	Body Shop	214	+1	1.6	0.9	24.7
15½	12	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	0.7	-
401	318	Brown (N)	365	...	6.0	2.1	22.6
84	64½	Burton	79½	+1	...	...	...
145	126	Cantors	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
325	295	Church	325	...	12.5	4.8	28.9
183	97	Clinton Cards	142 †	+3	4.2	3.7	-
246	212	Coats Viyella	246	+3	...	3.7	27.8
106	78	Colourvision	88	...	...	...	14.9
469	374	Courts Furnish	460	...	5.0	1.3	23.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	102	+1	...	3.6	-
65	51½	Dewhirst (I)	62½d	-½	1.0	2.0	-
281	194½	Dixons Grp	198	+3½	6.0	3.8	23.3
387	320	Dunhill	373	...	7.3	2.6	12.9
21	12½	ERA Gp	14				
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	104	...	...	3.3	17.6
226	203	Etam	211	+4	6.6	3.9	18.9
562	499	Fine Art Dev	553	...	11.0	2.5	21.2
59	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38				
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn	50				
47	21	Gabicci	46	...	2.0	...	9.2
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
41	21	Goldsmiths Gp	35	-1	1.8	...	...
2650	2400	GUS	2650	+5	40.0	1.9	21.1
1728	1593	-do- 'A'	1593	+10	40.0	3.1	12.7
40	34	Hampden Grp	36 †	...	...	3.5	-
277	101	Hartstone	110	+2	4.8	5.5	6.7
25½	20	Helene Plc	23 †	...	2.0	10.9	-
42	39	Heritage	39				
62	35	Honeysuckle	55	...	...	2.3	7.8
189	128	Hse of Lerose	185	...	10.3	7.0	-
66	63	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	
595	496	Kingfisher	587	+1	...	3.0	16.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	580	-15	7.2	1.6	39.5
313	265	Lloyds Chem	286	...	5.5	2.4	11.2
152	120	MFI	129	-2	...	3.6	17.2
360	311	Marks Spencer	352	+3	7.1	2.5	21.4
490	445	Menzies (John)	486	+5	10.0	2.6	16.2
152	135	Moss Bros	151	...	5.0	4.1	29.1
174	139½	Next	163	+½	2.5	1.9	-
23	15	Oliver (G)	23				
250	197	Oriflame Intl	199	+1	...	6.0	13.0
63	45	Pentos	49	...	1.5	3.9	-
313	255	QS Hldgs	280	...	5.1	2.3	-
19	11	Ratners Group	16	...	2.4	18.8	...
38	20½	Rhino Grp	29½				
162	137	Sherwood Gp	157 †	+1½	2.6	2.1	-
106	93	Sears	102	+½	...	4.3	28.0
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	422	+4	13.4	4.0	14.9
14½	4½	Specialeyes	9				
219	176	Storehouse	197	...	5.0	3.2	-
191	155	T & S Stores	155 †	-1½	5.9	4.8	-
133	71	Tie Rack	131	-1	1.0	1.0	-
213	160	Time Products	200	-1	7.5	4.7	19.6
100	63	Usher (Frank)	93	+1	...	6.7	7.3
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wensum	39	...	...	...	6.9
104	78	Wickes	97	+1	...	...	43.0
60	45	Wid of Leather	55				
191	146	Wyevale	191	...	...	2.6	-
3½	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	+1	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	158	...	4.5	3.6	15.6
238	223	Acal	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Compu	105	+4	...	...	51.2
480	385	Admiral	443	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
43	19½	Alphameric	37				
38½	22	Amstrad	35	+1½	0.4	...	...
128	98	App Holo	98	-2			
17	13	Arlen	13				
59½	35½	Astec	53	+½	...	...	-
290	250	Beales Hunter	273	+7	9.2	4.2	14.4
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5				
381	319	BICC	344 †	-1	19.2	7.0	23.3
575	455	Blick	480	...	0.2	2.4	18.7
1650	1150	Borland	1250	-50			
303	274	Bowthorpe	303	+3	6.3	2.6	-
445½	376	BT	418	+7	14.4	4.3	15.6
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.6	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	...	5.7	5.2	22.0
760	689	Cable Wireless	728	-1	13.2	2.3	22.5
14½	11½	Chloride	12½				
251	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
128	74	Comput People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	134	+1	...	0.5	11.0
335	243	Critchley	311	-1	...	2.5	22.1
468	414	Delta	467	...	14.0	3.7	-
298	205	Denmans El	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	500	-1	7.2	1.8	17.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	55 †	...	2.5	5.7	18.1
995	865	Druck	995	...	...	1.2	24.2
411	359	Electrocomps	386	...	7.0	2.3	20.9
573	470	El Data Ptc	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
75	43	Electron House	69	...	2.3	4.3	21.0
20	10½	Emess	19½	-½	0.1	0.6	-
579	442	Eurotherm	579	+4	8.0	1.7	26.4
128	108	FKI	120	...	2.3	2.4	25.2
391	340	Farnell Elect	376	...	5.8	1.9	20.5
37	33	Feedback	37				
18	9½	Ferranti	15½	+½			
150	101	First Tech	150	+1			
203	81	Forward Gp	177	...	...	1.8	21.3
21	17	Forward Tech	17				
328½	264	GEC	315	-5	9.6	3.8	16.7
182	132	Graseby	172	...	10.9	7.0	-
39	39	Hiclare	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
466	451	Hoskyns Gp	465	...	2.4	0.6	59.9
120	83	INSTEM	100	...	...	3.9	-
378	330	Jones Stroud	376	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
9	8	Kenbrey	8½	-½	0.3	5.5	3.2
321	260	Kenwood App	307	+1	...	...	16.3
181	47	Kewill Sys	177	+8	...	...	8.9
203	100	Kode	178	+5	5.5	3.9	21.1
46	16	Laser-Scan	30				
365	122	LBMS	289	+14			
300	240	Lee Refrig	265 †	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	142	Life Sciences	142	...	3.5	3.1	15.4
212	164	Logica	212	...	3.6	2.2	25.0
54	44	LPA Ind	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	185	MR Data Mngmt	186	...	4.3	2.9	17.8
673	523	Macro 4	673	...	...	2.4	22.6
630	527	Memtec Sw	609	+2	...	1.8	20.0
3013	2083	Micro Focus	2208	-47	...	...	20.3
227	188	Microgen	200	+5	7.2	4.5	13.6
34½	24	Microvitec	26½	+½			
514	357	Misys	484	-1	6.1	1.6	22.1
151	98	Mitel	147	+1			
138	111	MMT Compu	112	...	...	3.9	14.2
27	19	Molynx	19	...	...	8.6	1.8
272	202	MTL Instr	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
166	135	Muirhead Elect	135	...	3.0	2.8	16.0
149	116	Murray Enter	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5425	NYNEX	5837½	+50			
188	140	Neotronics	161	-1	2.6	2.0	20.8
60	42	Newmark (L)	60				
100	58	Norbain	94	...	...	1.3	14.1
42	20	Northamber	39	...	0.5	1.6	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
244	195	Oxford Inst	244	+3	4.3	2.2	16.4
72	48	P-E Internl	62	+3	1.0	2.0	...
72	29	P & P	60	...	1.4	2.5	26.6
80	55	Peek	72	...	3.4	6.1	18.2
190	115	Pegasus	178	-2	...	4.5	45.2
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	925	-12½			
452	343	Pifco	443	...	7.3	3.3	37.9
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	427	...	7.7	2.3	36.2
98	76	Plasmec	76	...	...	6.4	-
104	76	Prestec	86	...	2.4	3.5	17.4
125	103	Psion	111 †	-2	...	2.8	29.5
11	6½	Ptarmigan	7	-1			
213	160	Racal Elect	212	...	1.5	0.9	25.1
51	45	Radamec	51	+1	1.0	3.8	-
70	43	Radius	55	...	...	6.1	19.0
92	61	Real Time	65	...	...	5.8	5.9
29	18	Riva	21				
610	498	Sage Gp	584	+15	9.0	1.9	18.7
66	49	Scantronic	65	...	2.9	5.7	20.5
142	117	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Sema Gp	290	...	2.8	1.2	23.4
39	26	Silverstines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2325	-37½	...	1.3	23.2
13	4½	TDS Circuits	12	+3			
141	80	Telemetrix	138	...	0.6	0.5	48.1
909	809	THORN EMI	891½	+18½	30.1	4.2	23.0
117	96	Thorpe FW	108	...	2.5	2.9	10.9
103	75	Total Systems	85	...	2.2	3.3	15.2
420	372	Tunstall	405	-5	8.0	1.9	18.2
240	164	Unitech	229	...	5.8	3.2	40.1
11½	6	Verity	9				
37½	24	Vistec	30	...	...	1.3	35.6
434	370	Vodafone	386	+7	...	1.9	18.9
441	374	Volex	411	...	...	5.2	20.9
22	17	Western Selectn	21				
245	223	Wholesale Ftgs	232	+2	11.7	6.3	22.1

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	460	+9	17.1	4.6	8.8
496	399	Eastern Elect	472	+6	16.7	4.4	11.7
356	304	Hydro-Elect	336	+1	10.1	3.8	11.9
500½	404	London Elect	476	+8	16.8	4.4	9.2
549	458	Manweb	525	...	18.2	4.3	7.6
514	424½	Midlands Elec	489	+11	17.2	4.4	10.3
549	440	Northern Elec	522	+9	18.5	4.4	7.8
544	439	Norweb	518	+10	17.7	4.3	8.7
337	285	Scottish Power	314½	-1	10.1	4.0	11.7
529	436	Seeboard	501	+9	17.2	4.3	9.0
571	469	Sth Wales	534	+3	19.4	4.5	8.5
532	426	Sth Western	501	+3	17.4	4.3	9.0
496	406	Southern Elec	468	+6	16.6	4.4	9.3
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	522	+5	17.7	4.3	9.7
354½	273	National Powr	343	+1½	9.1	3.3	11.3
353	273	PowerGen	349	+1½	...	3.8	10.9

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	89	...	1.0	1.4	-
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	...	27.0	2.4	12.0
258	243	Candover	250	...	10.2	5.1	17.7
91	71	Flexach	82	...	...	...	8.6
298	155	Goven	297	+14	...	5.6	8.5
145	125	Ivory Sime	144	...	...	5.5	15.1
6½	3½	LIT	4½				
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
193	154	Lon Forfaiting	192	...	8.4	5.6	13.6
57	47	Marakon	55				
10½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	+½			
47	40	Newmarket	46	-1			
272	246	Rathbone Brs	271	...	6.0	2.8	-
22	17	Rutland Tst	20	...	0.8	5.0	-
330	280	S & U	300	...	...	3.4	10.8
67	48	Singer & Fried	62 †	+½	2.6	5.2	-
938	788	Sothebys	850	+12	...	4.9	...
99	83	SIP Capital	99	+1	3.0	3.8	17.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1893½	+25	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	215	...	6.7	3.9	29.3
976	835	Henderson Ad	923	...	41.0	5.6	20.3
120	92	Invesco MIM	112 †	+1	3.0	3.3	-
218	164	Jardine Strat	191	+1	...	4.1	8.6
194	154	MAI	185	...	6.0	4.1	13.4
469	389	MAM	459	+4	11.5	3.1	18.3
795	633	M & G	790	+1	20.0	3.2	21.0
225	115	Smith New Ct	211	-13	4.5	2.7	8.4
97	97	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	53	Trio Hldgs	68	+1	...	3.5	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	All Food	479	-16	14.0	3.7	10.8
77½	53	ASDA Group	69½	+2½	...	2.9	22.1
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	186	...	6.5	4.4	10.7
76	55	Albert Fisher	69	+1	3.7	6.8	11.5
407	320	Argyll	338	-1	9.7	3.6	13.3
29	12	Ashley Group	15	...	0.7	6.3	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	140 †	...	8.0	7.1	-
210	180	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.3	4.9	10.5
375	310	Barr (AG)	375	+5	6.5	2.2	18.9
94	66	Bensons Crisps	70	+1	...	5.6	14.2
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #				
485	363	Booker	364 †	-2	...	7.5	12.0
50	35	Borthwick	44	...	1.1	3.1	30.7
488	430	Brake Bros	483	...	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	42	+2	...	...	14.3
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	472	-7	...	3.5	17.5
89	76	Carrs Milling	83	...	3.9	5.9	16.6
256	137	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	5.8	-
201	178	Cranswick	198	...	...	4.7	14.6
20	6½	Cullens	16	...	0.5	3.9	8.6
384	166	Dalepak	217	...	6.0	3.5	9.8
491	433	Dalgety	433 †	-2	19.5	5.6	12.6
50	27	Daniels S	47 †	-½	0.2	0.7	...
134	122	Everest	133	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	264	Farepak	282	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farringford	8½				
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	130	-13	...	1.4	18.3
483	370	Geest	440	-8	6.1	2.3	-
12	7	Global	10½	-½	...	6.0	16.3
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
195	147	Hazlewood Fds	189	-1	6.1	4.0	11.5
171	131	Hillsdown	151 †	+5½	...	7.3	11.9
44	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
750	616	Iceland Frozen	678 †	+5	...	1.8	16.4
131	111	JLI Group	114	...	4.5	4.9	16.4
853	731	Kwik Save	739	-2	16.0	2.7	15.5
262	229	Low (Wm)	229	-4	8.4	4.6	11.1
58	41	Matthews (B)	49	...	3.2	5.7	32.1
16	12½	Merchant Retail	13½	...	1.1	10.0	32.3
174	151	Morrison (W)	154	+1	...	0.6	30.0
538	443	Nichols (JN)	493	...	13.6	3.4	14.3
280	255	Nthn Foods	262	+1	...	3.8	14.4
22	14	Nrthmbrn Fds	16	...	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	204	...	6.1	3.8	-
241	205	Park Foods	213	-2	3.2	1.9	25.5
115	83	Perkins Food	99	...	4.4	5.6	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	66	...	...	0.9	37.9
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	2½				
584	455	Sainsbury J	466	-6	8.7	2.3	17.4
68	33	Senior Farms	58	...	...	2.2	13.6
225	175	Sims Food	175	...	11.2	8.0	9.5
439	391	Tate & Lyle	415	-6	12.0	3.6	15.3
273	220	Tesco	220 †	+1	7.1	4.0	-
211	172	Thorntons	172	...	3.6	2.7	16.0
173	101	Treats	173	...	...	2.6	19.7
375	300	Unigate	359	-2	15.3	5.3	12.8
414	340½	Utd Biscuits	390	-1	...	4.9	20.1
25	21½	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.1	14.8
337	248	Watson & Phil	300	...	13.3	5.5	15.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Hse	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	82 †	...	1.5	2.4	-
209	170	Forte	192 †	+1½	7.5	4.9	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	159	...	5.7	4.6	-
9	6½	Harmony Leis	6½				
110	87	Jarvis Hotel	108	-2	...	5.6	12.7
215	166	Ladbroke	171	+½	...	8.2	22.6
73	58	Mandarin Ortnl	64	+1	...	5.4	-
59	44	Queens Moat	47½d	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½				
55	28	Resort Hotels	36	...	3.4	12.0	7.1
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	735 †	+7	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	48	...	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	183	AAF Inds	202 †	-1½	...	5.2	12.0
610	499	AAH	500	...	16.3	4.1	15.9
172	140	AIM	141	+1	6.5	5.8	8.7
132	100	APV	107	-1	5.4	6.3	-
182	81	ASW	176	+1	6.0	4.3	...
155	124	Adwest	147 †	+1	7.0	6.0	20.9
16	10	Aerospace Eng	14	...	1.0	...	9.5
468	434	Airsprung	435	...	7.5	2.2	12.1
133	113	Alexdra W	127	+1	3.8	3.8	-
13½	7	Allied Radio	7	-1			
527	415	Alumasc	525	-2	11.0	2.6	16.1
35	17	Alvis	29	...	1.0	4.3	6.0
420	345	Amber Ind	395	+20	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	18	Amberley Gp	30	...	...	4.2	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	141	...	4.4	3.9	...
893	703	Antofagasta	850	-3	...	2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	44	...	1.4	4.2	12.9
170	143	Ash & Lacy	161	...	6.4	5.0	-
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.1	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	520	...	16.5	4.0	20.2
235	168	Assoc Nursg	215	...	...	...	8.2
720	570	Atlas Equip	710	...	22.0	4.0	-
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	41				
172	147	BBA	153	...	...	6.1	-
40	28	BLP Group	45				
77	16	BM Gp	17 †	+½	5.0	...	0.7
770	696	BOC	712	+15	23.2	4.1	15.6
79½	62	BSG	63 †	...	...	6.3	-
422	353	BSS Group	408	+4	...	5.3	16.3
619	530	BTR	613	+6	...	3.7	20.1
221	186	BWI	188 †	-½	6.7	4.5	18.1
41½	31	Babcock	37½	-½	3.1	...	7.8
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½				
289	241	Baird (Wm)	247	...	8.9	4.5	-
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	558½	-6½	...	6.8	2.8
7	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	59	...	1.4	3.0	-
15	5	Beauford	6	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	8	...	...	7.8	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	30				
27½	20½	Benson Group	21	-½	0.1	0.6	19.4
707	545	Bespak	545	-5	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	111	...	9.7	11.7	6.1
230	129	Billam (J)	217	+6	5.0	2.9	-
33½	21½	Bilston Battsea	29	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Bimec Ind	8½	...	0.6	...	
158	126	Birkby	145	...	...	0.9	
43	32	Black Arrow	33	-1	2.1	8.0	7.9
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn	1½				
183	136	Black (Peter)	163	...	2.0	2.3	16.8
196	121	Bluebird Toys	189	...	...	3.0	-
564	494	Bodycote	564	...	7.2	2.1	19.9
563	461	Boots	475	-6	...	3.5	17.8
61	45	Booth Inds	48	...	3.2	8.3	5.0
517	435½	Bowater	492	...	11.5	2.9	19.4
1662	1335	Bowater Inc	1483 †	+37			
248	199	Boxmore Intl	232 †	-½	...	2.0	-
18	12½	Brasway	16	-½	0.5	4.5	20.7
268	204	Brammer	253 †	-1½	13.0	6.4	-
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	13½	+1	1.2	...	0.1
100	64	Bridon	88	+1	4.0	5.9	-
66	53	Bridport-Gndry	58 †	-½	4.1	8.8	10.9
40	31	Brierley Inv	33	...	...	4.6	8.1
308	280	Br Bldg & Eng	283	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	52				
495	417	Br Polythene	481 †	+4½	...	2.5	-
97	54	Br Steel	69½	+1	...	1.3	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	12½	...	...	2.5	...
268	216	Br Vita	218	-1	7.1	4.1	13.4
13	6½	Britton Grp	10½	-½	0.0	0.4	...
730	555	Broken Hill	697	...	...	2.6	30.6
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	98	+2	4.0	5.1	13.6
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7				
68	51	Brown & Tawse	67	...	4.7	...	...
118	91½	Bullough	92	...	6.0	8.2	15.8
26	16	Business Techn	16	-1	...	...	14.3
28	17	CI Group	26	...	2.0	9.9	10.6
25	15	Campbell & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
14½	5	Cannon St	8	+½	3.3	...	...
240	205	Cape	234	...	10.5	5.6	14.9
214	178	Carclo Eng	211	...	...	4.0	17.7
2858	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2463	...	...	2.7	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	160	-1	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	6.4
707	609	Charter Cons	621	...	21.5	4.3	14.9
270	230	Chemring	261	...	...	3.9	15.7
92	64	Chieftain Gp	69	...	5.1	9.2	14.8
30	17	Chillington	22	+3	0.5	2.8	...
187	144	Christies Int	172	-1	1.5	1.1	-
61	34	Clayhithe	56	...	2.5	5.0	...
90	80	Clayton Son	83	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	180	Community H	180	-1	0.5	4.5	11.2
246	186½	Concentric	235	...	...	3.0	18.6
176	120	Cook (Wm)	149	...	10.0	...	10.0
208	182	Cookson	203	...	...	3.7	-
45	38	Copymore	45	...	...	7.5	8.8
238	176	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	176	-2	5.7	4.0	15.0
178	147	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	180	Creighton Nt	181	...	...	4.8	13.1
40	27	CrestaCare	36	...	0.5	1.7	-
3456½	2993½	Dana	3125 †				
685	314	Danka Bs Sys	600	+7	3.7	0.7	19.4
16	5	Davies (DY)	16				
707	642	De La Rue	689	+1	15.0	2.7	21.1
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21 †	-½	0.9	5.7	-
481	391	Diploma	467	-1	9.7	2.6	24.3
65	50	Dobson Park	58	...	5.7	12.4	10.4
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.8
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG	17				
430	379	EIS	413	...	11.7	3.5	15.4
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9½ #				
28	19	Elbief	28				
43	23	Eleco	24	+1	3.3	...	14.1
2390	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2050	+9½	...	2.7	-
66	45	Elson (B)	60				
484	433	Eng China Cl	439	+1	20.0	5.7	-
2400	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2400	...	...	1.3	-
76	27	Erskine Hse	39	+2	...	7.3	4.1
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
73	47	Expamet	57	+1	3.2	7.1	-
635	499	Fairey Group	604 †	-1	10.2	2.1	-
95	53	Fenner	65	...	4.2	8.1	12.3
61	33	Ferraris Group	54	...	...	2.3	12.3
1½	¼	Fermmera	1				
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
35	28	Fife Indmar	28	-2	0.5	2.2	...
251	157	Fisons	157 †	-1½	...	6.9	16.8
48	29	Fitzwilton	48	+5	...	10.5	...
255	215	Fogarty	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	41	...	2.3	7.2	8.3
74	56	French (Thomas)	66	...	3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	188½	+½	4.0	2.7	-
85	71	GEI Int	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	454	-1	...	5.6	20.2
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	5.4	...	...
87	79	Garton Eng	79	...	4.0	6.6	...
160	111	Gestetner	116	+1	8.2	8.8	3.1
36	23	Gieves	29	+3	...	...	21.0
801	545	Glaxo	563	+9	17.0	3.8	15.5
26	16	Glenchewton	25				
293	245	Glynwed	289	...	11.6	5.2	-
93	66	Goode Durrant	85	...	5.4	7.9	18.0
129	102	Grampian Hd	129	+6	5.5	5.3	...
406	341	Granada	394	+4	7.7	2.4	21.0
355	301	Grt Sthrns	352 †	-2	...	3.9	14.5
95	78	Green (Ernst)	85	+5	...	10.3	11.5
12	8½	Greenacre	11½	+½	...	3.2	-
17	6	Guardian Grp	12				
42½	30½	Haden MacLn	40	...	2.0	6.4	-
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	64				
189	115	Hall Eng	189	+3	8.6	5.7	15.8
258	215	Halma	234	-3	2.2	1.2	29.0
49	30	Hampson Ind	35	+2	2.3	...	9.5
265½	228	Hanson	233½	-½	...	6.1	11.9
221	187	Harris (Philip)	213 †	-2	...	4.0	15.1
186	147	Harrisn Crsfld	165 †	+½	...	6.8	22.5
60	38	Havelock Euro	59	-1	1.5	...	...
4	1½	Hawthorn Lesa	1½				
51	20	Hay (Norman)	33				
25	17	Headway	24	...	0.7	3.6	12.7
353	301	Hepworth	336	-3	14.8	5.5	-
225	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	28	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	7	Hobson	8	...	...	...	6.7
104	87	Holders Tech	100	...	...	7.5	-
40	30	Hopkinsons	35	...	3.7	...	10.1
167	138	Hornby	151	...	...	7.5	-
13½	6	Hospital Crp	6	...	...	16.7	1.6
67	54½	Howden	65	...	...	4.1	10.0
238	178	Hunting	224 †	+1	...	5.8	-
1013	808	Huntleigh Tech	975	...	...	0.6	36.0
285	247	IMI	280	+3	10.0	4.5	-
108	90	ISA Intl	97 †	+1	1.5	1.9	15.1
205	179	Iorrcare Gp	186				
255	235	Isotron	248	...	3.9	2.0	15.9
493	360	Jardine Math	435	-1	...	3.0	-
537	438	Johnson Matth	499	...	9.6	2.7	18.2
64	52	Johnson & FB	57½	...	3.0	7.0	16.5
136	104	Johnston	106	...	3.2	3.9	-
32	19	Jones Shipman	25				
30	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.3	...
47½	26	Kalamazoo	46	...	...	...	37.9
157	73	Kalon	155	...	3.2	2.6	-
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	-
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
118	75	Kleeneze	106	-2			
118	61	LGW	118	...	3.0	3.2	9.8
303	266	Laird	282½	+½	10.5	4.6	-
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	133	...	5.9	5.5	56.5
136	110	Lilleshall	121	...	4.2	4.4	14.9
153	97	Lincat	149	...	...	4.3	12.9
18	4½	Lincoln Hse	15½	...	...	...	12.9
128	76	Linread	108 †	+½	3.7	4.3	-
195	170	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	8.4	32.4
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	-½	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	191	Lon Intl	192	-1	9.4	6.2	13.1
83	70	Lonrho	83½	...	...	6.0	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	325	...	...	3.5	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	305 †	+4	8.6	3.5	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	155 †	+1	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	...	1.8	...	20.3
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	41 †	+½	...	3.0	12.5
283	236	Macfarlane	256 †	-1	4.7	2.3	-
430	379	McKechnie	417	...	14.7	4.4	21.7
106	98	McLeod Russel	103	...	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	7½	Maddox	7½				
74	66	Magnolia	69 †	...	0.1	0.2	-
106	71	Mang Bronze	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn	172 †	+3½	...	3.6	14.3
47	33	Mayflower	45 †	...	...	3.5	-
236	191½	Medeva	230½	+4½	...	1.3	17.1
109½	88	Meggitt	100 †	...	3.7	4.7	-
130	111	Metair	113	...	4.0	4.4	-
76	70	Metrotec	70				
66	29	Midstates	59	+1	...	1.6	-
19½	14	Mining & Ald	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
488	368	Molins	480	...	14.0	3.8	-
345	262	Morgan Crble	273 †	+1	12.6	5.8	-
146	134	Morris Ashby	135	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	20	-½	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	48 †	...	3.1	8.2	-
147	122	Nobo Gp	144	...	3.5	3.0	17.6
165	127½	Norcros	162	-2	7.0	5.4	27.8
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Ind	25	...	1.7	8.7	...
140	133	PCT	133	...	...	6.6	12.1
48	44	Pacer Systems	44 †	-1	...	8.3	...
138	115	Pentland	116	...	...	2.7	-
380	310	Photo-Me	350	-1	4.4	1.6	17.8
125	97½	Pilkington	120	...	6.0	6.3	43.7
32	19	Platon	29				
79	68	Plastiboot	68	...	3.0	5.7	-
148	126	Polypipe	145	...	1.9	1.7	20.9
517	485	Portals	491	-1	14.5	3.8	-
32	19	Porter Chadburn	19	-1	2.5	16.4	4.7
7½	5½	Porth Gp	7				
376	306	Powerscreen	355	...	6.0	2.1	20.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	16½	...	0.7	5.6	8.4
54	33½	RPS Group	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85				
148	77	Ranco Oil	112	...	...	2.2	79.9
744	636	Rank Org	676	+6	31.0	5.7	18.5
33	23	Ransomes	26				
657	591	Reckitt Colm	592	...	...	3.4	23.6
77	50	Record	76	...	3.8	6.1	36.2
4	2½	Reece	3½	+½	...	...	13.1
169	131	Relyon	152	-1	4.9	4.0	-
303	275	Renishaw	283	+3	...	2.6	21.7
60	55	Renold	59	...	1.0	2.2	...
1479	1265	Reuters	1265	-12	21.3	2.1	20.9
34	24½	Rexmore	24	...	1.7	7.6	8.9
120	91	Ricardo Group	107	-2	5.7	6.7	30.1
61	38	Richard (Leics)	60	...	4.4	9.2	6.0
76	63	Richardson West	70	-1	3.0	5.4	-
129	109	Ropner	124	...	8.3	8.3	8.9
122	97	-do- 'A'	116	...	6.2	8.9	9.3
39	24	Ross Gp	33 †	+1	0.64	2.5	-
449	395	Rotork	438 †	...	...	3.2	-
135	104	Ruston	130	...	...	1.4	...
65	43	Russell (A)	48	-3	1.0	2.6	-
26	15	SEP Indl	24½	...	0.6	3.4	-
850	655	SKF 'B'	658	+15	...	5.9	...
291	222	Sanderson Elec	279	+4	9.0	4.1	11.6
52	39	Saraha	49	...	...	0.6	64.5
45	40	Saville Gordn (J)	43	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	223	Scapa	236	-1	5.3	3.0	18.4
238	192	Scholl	195 †	...	6.3	4.1	-
6½	4	Scot Heritable	4				
960	928	Securicor	929	...	2.6	0.4	35.3
668	590	-do- 'A'	580	-2	2.6	0.6	-
565	470	Security Serv	580	-2	5.0	1.3	27.7
94	77	Senior Eng	90	...	3.1	4.4	-
361	306	Seton Health	319	...	...	2.0	21.5
57	42	Sheldon Jones	53				
92	88	Shiloh	94	...	2.7	3.7	25.5
361	295	Shilaw	298	...	10.0	4.2	13.9
501	427	Siebe	460	...	...	2.5	19.4
304	220	Silentnight	230	...	8.0	3.4	16.1
121	102	Sime Darby	103	...	...	4.3	12.7
142	92	Simon Eng	118	+3	5.0	5.3	20.0
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	254	...	7.0	3.4	16.4
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	3.5	6.9	...
164	143	Smith & Neph	144	...	...	4.1	18.6
513	399	SmithKline	472	-13	8.7	2.5	16.2
450	340	SmithKline Uts	374	-11	...	3.5	14.2
394	320	Smiths Ind	370	...	11.2	4.1	13.3
140	73	Sthn Bus	85	...	3.5	5.0	8.0
376	265	Spandex	375	...	...	3.3	-
475	370	Spear (JW)	450	...	14.0	3.8	-
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	339 †	-½	9.3	3.4	-
145	55	Spring Ram	62 †	+3	0.3	0.7	-
270	231	Staveley	235	-2	8.2	4.4	13.4
147	126	Sterling Ind	140	...	5.6	5.0	17.5
20	11	Stonehill	18				
154	97	Suter	139	+2	5.8	7.9	-
317	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	317	+5	...	2.8	-
8	5½	Sycamore	5½				
260	240	Syltone	250	...	9.4	4.5	12.0
198	164	T & N	172 †	+1½	10.8	7.9	-
333	279	TI	296	-6	...	4.5	19.1
18	12	TLS Range	12	...	...	2.7	...
275	218	TT Group	261	...	6.0	2.9	-
249	220	Takare	236	...	1.8	1.0	-
815	618	Takeda Chem	799	-5	...	0.6	21.2
31	24	Tex Hldgs	31				
79	70	Tinsley (E)	70	...	...	9.3	8.2
205	150	Titon	204	...	...	2.2	17.7
271	239	Tomkins	244	-5	...	3.3	17.1
94½	67	Trafalgar H	87	-3½	...	4.6	6.4
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	86½	-3½			
579	346	Transfer Tech	529	...	16.0	3.6	-
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	182	-1	7.0	4.8	16.7
253	223	UniChem	223 †	-4	5.6	3.2	-
310	290	Unidare	305	...	...	7.0	68.2
29	11½	Unigroup	28	+½			
1249	1050	Unilever	1123	+5	21.3	2.4	-
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7525	+121½	...	2.8	12.1
663	513	VSEL	650	...	25.0	4.8	7.5
9½	6½	Verson	7½				
137	95½	Vickers	135	+3	...	1.4	...
387	307	Victaulic	304	-2	7.8	3.2	-
364	283	Vinten	352	...	7.0	2.5	-
528	427	Vosper Thorny	528	...	13.1	3.1	17.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	-
468	410	Wagon Ind	423	...	...	5.0	16.4
78	71	Walker Greenbk	76	...	3.1	5.2	-
243	201	Wassall	239	...	2.5	1.3	24.1
35	22	Wirford Wdgwd	34	-½			
675	582	Weir	617	-1	11.8	2.4	-
993	658	Wellcome	702	-22	13.0	2.3	19.4
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
495	400	Whatman	490 †	+6½	9.5	2.4	-
339	267	Whessoe	321	...	...	3.1	12.5
10½	4	Wheway	10	...	1.0	12.5	...
50	27	Whitecroft	43	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	6½				
76	44	Wilkes (James)	70	+2	3.5	6.3	-
365	313	Williams Hldg	317 †	+2½	12.5	4.9	16.6
28½	17	Wilshaw	25½	...	0.4	1.9	31.3
620	533	Wolseley	586	-7	12.5	2.7	20.3
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	-
45	35	Wyko	39	+2	2.8	...	21.2
58	38	Young (H)	54	...	3.0	6.9	19.8

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1581½	Alex & Alex	1643½	+18½	...	4.2	...
2275	1793½	Am Gen	2156½	-31½	...	3.5	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	35	...	4.4	15.7	17.0
148	133	Bradstock	137	-1	5.1	4.7	16.9
1475	1078	Britannic	1443 †	+3	33.5	2.9	-
641	561	Com Union	620	-2	...	4.9	...
1450	1325	Dom & Gen	1440	...	...	1.6	23.8
22	19	FAI	19	...	...	...	...
615½	551	Gen Accident	577 †	+4	26.7	5.8	...
195	160	GRE	179	...	7.0	4.9	14.9
370	328	Heath C E	328	-4	16.0	6.1	19.3
195	168	Hogg Gp	192	-3	8.1	5.4	-
198	164	JIB Group	194	...	7.5	4.8	19.6
493	408½	Legal & Gen	455	+6	...	5.2	63.9
1026	768	Liberty Life	803	-29	...	3.6	13.9
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	416	+12	17.3	5.2	15.0
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	273 †	...	5.6	2.6	20.1
368	274	Londn & Man	333 †	-1½	14.2	5.3	-
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	349	-1	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743½	5750½	Marsh McLn	6162½	-6½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	77	...	...	8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	332	+2	...	4.5	22.1
1138	800	Refuge	1058	+2	31.5	3.7	29.3
321	258	Royal	309	+4	5.0	2.0	...
183	153	Sedgwick	154	+1	6.0	4.9	19.6
261	216	Steel Burrill	224	-2	13.2	7.4	-
87	58	Sturge Hldgs	58	-2	8.2	17.8	5.9
362	307	Sun Alliance	329	+1	14.2	5.4	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55	-1	...	...	...
287	239	Transatlantic	287	...	12.0	5.2	-
773	499	Utd Friendly	683 †	-½	14.5	2.7	-
308	171	Willis Corroon	185	-7	...	4.5	-
20	13½	Windsor	18	-1	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1644	-1	45.0	3.4	-
260	226½	Alter Trust	237	...	4.9	2.6	49.2
343	304	Ang & O'seas	339	...	6.8	2.5	43.0
136½	124½	BZW Conv	126½	...	7.8	7.7	14.8
158	133½	Bankers	150½	...	3.4	2.9	41.4
298	264	Baring Tribne	274	...	6.4	2.9	43.3
148	131	Berry Starq	142	...	2.0	1.8	48.0
106½	96½	Br Assets	102½	+½	...	5.2	25.0
65½	57½	Br Empire Sec	63½	...	0.8	1.7	66.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16				
173	156	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	41.9
164	130	Contl Assets	155	...	2.4	1.9	51.6
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	195	-do- Cap	220	+2			
119	90	Drayton Asia	116	-½	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
57	35	-do- Eng Ind	54	...	1.2	2.8	79.1
111	84	-do- Far East	108	-1	0.6	0.7	...
102	95	-do- Korea	102	+2	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	607	...	25.4	5.2	27.0
582	513	-do- Wwde	573	+3	9.5	2.1	59.0
270	222	Dundee & Lon	254	...	12.0	5.9	23.4
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	45	+1	4.8	12.7	8.6
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	52	+½			
274	250½	Edinburgh	265	...	8.0	3.8	32.4
155	141	Electric Gen	152	...	3.1	2.5	48.4
97	85	English Scot	93				
253	205	European Asset	249	...	...	3.0	30.4
92	77	Finsbury 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	259½	-1	0.7	0.3	...
206	193½	-do- Claver	203 †	+1½	...	3.3	40.0
266	212	-do- Contl	245	...	2.8	1.4	...
171	147	-do- Entp	169	...	4.5	3.3	37.9
264	213	-do- F East	264	...	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	299½	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	111	+1	5.8	6.5	18.9
214	156	-do- Japan	208	-1	0.3	0.2	...
281	250	-do- Merc	253½	+½	6.7	3.3	-
251	212	-do- O'seas	241	+2	4.0	2.1	57.5
229	203	Foreign & Col	222½	...	3.3	1.9	60.6
210	161	-do- Eurotst	193	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	99	...	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	249 †	...	1.9	1.0	-
137½	116	-do- Smaller	135	...	...	1.7	68.6
215	145	GT Japan	208	-1	...	0.7	...
110	65	Genl Cons Cap	110				
127½	96½	-do- Inc	107	...	...	9.9	11.0
145	123	Govett Am Smlr	126				
240	184	-do- Oriental	240	...	0.9	0.5	...
246	207	-do- Strategy	239	...	6.7	3.5	33.0
373	340	Greenfriar	371	...	6.3	2.1	55.7
10	5	Gresham House	8				
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
134	125	Inv Cap	129	-1	5.1	4.9	25.9
92	77	J&S UK Smllr	85½	...	2.0	2.9	21.1
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	172½	+½	5.0	3.6	33.6
203	176	-do- O'seas	198½	+2	3.3	2.1	56.4
126	108	-do- Smlr	113	+1	4.0	4.4	27.4
595	540	Law Debenture	583	...	18.2	3.9	29.1
171	164	Majedie	170	...	...	3.5	32.9
249	221	Merchants	238	-½	10.6	5.6	-
5092½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4987½	+25			
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	402	+3	6.7	2.1	54.1
126	105	Murr Gren Inc	125	...	...	4.6	24.8
37	23	Do Warrants	37				
47	39	Murray Euro	43	...	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9½				
315	282	Murray Income	311	...	...	4.3	29.6
319	265	-do- Ind	292	-1	11.4	4.9	36.3
312	261	-do- Small	297	...	4.0	1.7	64.0
103	96	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.4	9.6
95	73	-do- S/C Cap	90				
3050	2750	-do- S C Uts	2950	...	...	3.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	143	+½			
280	231	-do- Vent	243	...	10.3	5.3	19.2
71	50½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
45	64	Nthgate Inc	75	...	6.7	10.6	10.9
259	249	O'seas Inv Tst	257	...	3.8	1.7	
352	285	Pacific Assets	345	-1	1.1	0.4	
364	157	Do Warrants	247				
4200	7050	Personal Assets	4150 †	-50	...	2.5	48.7
129	107	RIT Cap Ptnr	116	...	1.1	1.2	52.5
123	108	River & Merc	115½	+½	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	390	...	3.5		
34½	34	Rolinco	385	...	2.1		
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237	...	7.5	4.0	31.0
145½	131	Scot American	140½	-1	4.3	3.9	29.7
945	681	Scott Asian	925				
325	225	-do- Warrants	325				
73	63½	-do- Eastern	69½	+½	1.5	2.7	45.7
201	165	Scottish	193½	...	4.6	3.0	40.1
201	178	-do- Mtge	189½	-1½	3.9	2.6	44.4
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1390	Second Alince	1430	...	36.5	3.2	38.4
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	...	3.2	5.1	-
130	109½	Selective Asset	122	...	1.2	1.2	44.2
21½	14	Sphere Inv	19½	-½	3.1	19.6	-
139	112	TR Far East	131	...	4.5	4.3	28.5
147½	125	TR City Of Lon	134 †	...	4.7	4.4	28.1
141	110	TR Pacific	130	+1	0.5	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	61.0
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	159½	...	2.7	2.0	46.7
315	283	Temple Bar	307	+2	15.2	5.4	33.2
90	69	Thrmtn Asian E	86	-1	0.5	0.7	...
60	54	Throgmorton	60	...	3.1	4.8	24.5
418	363	Thrgr Dual Cp	393				
195	176	USDC Invest	189	...	4.5	3.0	34.8
91½	70½	Value Inc Tst	91½	...	...	4.0	21.2
566	542	Whitbread Inv	554	-3	15.0	3.4	37.1
195	181	Witan	191	-1	5.6	3.7	33.5

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	295	+3	7.2	3.1	10.4
60	42	Ald Leis	46	...	4.7	...	13.7
272	194	Anglia TV	248	-1	9.2	4.7	-
219	192	Barr & W 'A'	201	-1	10.0	6.4	-
1195	930	Boosey Hwks	1170	...	20.0	2.1	18.8
104	90	Border TV	92	...	...	3.7	12.0
16½	4½	Brent Walker	10½				
7½	3	Buckingham Int	3½				
292	201	Campari	303 †	-7½	12.0	7.4	...
197	171	Capital Radio	193	...	5.2	3.4	22.5
816	719	Carlton Comm	737	-6	17.0	2.9	21.7
200	158	Castle Comm	183 †	+2	...	5.8	16.7
1825	1615	Central TV	1773	...	38.0	2.7	-
83	61	Chrysalis	61				
610	517	Compass Gp	577	-2	12.3	2.7	16.4
350	218	Eurocamp	220	...	9.7	5.5	9.1
1150	710	Euro Disney	965	-22	...	1.2	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	9.3
23	18	Ex-Lands	19½				
317	285	Fairline Boats	304	+5	10.5	4.3	...
378	330	First Leisure	356	-1	6.1	2.2	24.6
515	398	GWR Gp	515	...	...	1.7	26.5
181	149	Grampian	172	...	5.5	4.0	12.1
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5				
51	19	HTV Group	47				
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	35	...	5.5	...	2.2
11	9½	Kunick	10				
384	262	LWT CP	380	...	4.9	1.6	-
451	327	Man Utd	442 †	+1	18.0	5.1	15.2
145	96	Owners Abrd	111	...	3.5	3.9	8.9
66	33	The Pelican Gp	53	...	...	2.4	18.2
130	95	Prism Leisure	111	-7	...	3.1	12.7
30	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
162	132	Ramsdens (H)	149	+1	...	3.8	19.8
502	431	Scot TV	446 †	...	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	194	...	...	2.7	16.4
7	5½	Sunleigh	6½				
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
29	29	TSW	29 #	...	23.8	0.9	
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	...	0.6	-
221	150	Thames TV	179	...	7.5	5.2	5.1
2½	1	Ticketing	2½				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	92	...	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World	68	...	...	1.5	24.8
349	274	Ulster TV	349	+5	10.0	3.6	10.5
22	16	Wembley	16	-1	1.8	...	...
31	7½	Whitegate	22	-1			
175	110	Yorkshire TV	162	-2	12.0	9.3	4.9
108	83	Zetters Gp	106	...	8.0	9.4	10.7

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3287½	1800	Am Gold	2850	-121½	...	7.7	12.9
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1125	...	...	9.1	4.8
1712½	1125	Ang Am	1475	-21½	...	5.2	9.2
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	15	+½			
91	73	Blyvoors	74	+3	...	9.2	3.7
25½	18	Bracken	22	...	...	...	1.2
535	233	Buffels	448	-3	...	9.9	9.9
2	1½	Bune	1½				
684	546	CRA	633	-1	...	3.5	-
19	11	Cluff Res	13	+1			
1150	762½	De Beers	1012½	-25	...	5.2	-
68	37½	Deelkraal	54	...	...	12.4	2.7
30	7	Doornfontein	22				
600	388	Driefontein	517	-8	...	7.1	8.6
289	130	Durban	244	-2			
94	47	E Rand Gold	73	...	...	15.7	2.1
126	62	E Dagga	104	-1	...	...	7.8
206	54	E Rand Prop	171	-1			
281	117	Elandsrand	232	-6	...	5.8	4.9
574	292	FS Cons	473	+6	...	11.3	4.8
25	6	FS Dev	15				
1238	725	GFSA	1082	-31	...	4.1	15.4
164	125	Gencor	143	-1	...	6.9	11.1
47½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	45½	+1	...	3.2	10.4
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	13				
118	49	Grootvlei	93	+3	...	12.3	4.9
245	78	Harmony	205	-3			
208	87	Hartes	183	+9	...	...	6.4
14	8½	Inoco	9½				
783	491	Impala Plat	673	-3	...	...	13.7
12½	6	Kenmare Res	11½	+3½			
665	332	Kinross	587	-11	...	9.5	5.8
541	319	Kloof	465	-11	...	4.1	7.4
71	25	Leslie	54	...	...	8.5	4.9
48	13	Loraine	30	-2			
116½	96½	MIM	98½	-3	...	2.5	41.2
955	520	Minorco	925	+5	...	4.1	10.9
150	91	Nth Brkn Hill	117	-1½	...	3.6	...
1400	610	Orange Free	1225	-12½	...	11.3	9.6
709	634	RTZ	650	-2½	19.5	4.0	28.4
550	425	Rand Mines	475	...	...	13.6	3.0
133	85	Rand Mln Prp	123	...	...	15.2	5.4
333	150	Randfontein	297	+6	...	6.4	4.1
163	115	Renison	160	...	...	3.0	14.5
1075	850	Rustnbrg	850	...	...	5.9	12.1
388	191	St Helena	342	+6	...	7.8	6.4
1050	475	Southvaal	864	-13	...	7.4	13.4
99	18	Stilfontein	52	...	...	14.0	7.8
141	50	Unisel	117	-4	...	2.9	10.5
3400	1800	Vaal Reefs	2900	+½	...	8.4	4.5
363	154	Welkom	314	-2	...	11.4	8.7
79	26	Western Areas	62				
1425	587½	Western Deep	1150	...	...	6.1	4.7
247	176	Wstrn Mining	246	+1			
660	323	Winkels	579	-11	...	1.9	4.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	67	+2			
34	18	Zandpan	28	...	...	...	8.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
125	95	Airflow Stream	120	...	...	...	...
116	82	Appleyard	113	...	5.2	5.8	-
275	203	Blechley Mtr	273	...	8.8	4.1	-
147	120	Bostrom	142 †	+½	6.0	5.3	-
294	165	Br Aerospace	288	-14	7.0	3.0	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	7½				
130	98	Central Mtr	126	...	...	4.0	32.0
26	18	Cook (DC)	19	+1			
226	156	Cowie (T)	214	...	6.2	3.7	16.3
110	96	Dag Motors	104 †	-1	5.7	6.9	-
140	106	Davnprt Vern	140	...	4.0	3.6	17.3
264	155	ERF	205	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	106	...	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	274	-1	11.2	5.1	-
290	226	FF Group	272	...	7.2	3.4	-
3606½	2843½	Ford Motor	3606½	+62½			
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2650	+50	...	1.9	...
51	38	Gowrings	50 †	...	2.0	5.0	-
125	85	Henlys	125	+4	3.0	3.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	868	+11	...	0.6	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	26				
95	66	Jessups	95	+2	4.5	5.9	...
136	97	Kwik-Fit	123	+2	3.3	3.4	-
341	281	Lex Service	334	-5	10.6	4.0	-
117	85	Lookers	115	+5	6.2	6.7	...
152	126	Lucas	135 †	+7	7.0	6.5	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
161	106	Perry Gp	158	+3	6.0	4.8	-
153	108	Quicks Group	148	...	4.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	125	+2	5.0	5.0	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	132	...	4.0	3.8	20.4
174	121	Westland	174	+1	4.2	3.1	15.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	102	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.6	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.0	19.4
608	488	Blenheim Gp	516	...	...	2.2	-
308	275	Bristol	303	...	11.5	4.7	22.5
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9100	...	130	1.8	20.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9100	...	130	1.8	20.5
305	262	Dorling Kind	266 †	-1	...	1.4	25.4
365	328	EMAP	355	-2	...	2.6	23.1
981	873	Euromoney Pb	938	...	29.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrington K	224	...	4.5	2.5	18.1
358	333	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
283	226	Headline	253	...	4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	132 †	-2	...	5.7	-
5½	3	Intl Bus Comm	4½				
8	6½	Intl Cm & Data	7½				
520	400	Independent	515 †	-2½	...	4.1	-
532	395	Johnstne Press	531	...	6.2	1.5	23.0
288	243	Metal Bulletin	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
137	88	Mirror Gp.	137	+5			
373	297	News Corp	362	+4	...	0.3	22.8
230	169	News Intl	230	+2	...	0.5	15.9
422	354	Pearson	413	-1	...	3.6	19.4
655	510	Portsmth Sund	650	...	8.6	1.7	16.7
686	618	Reed Int	678	-3	...	3.1	29.5
146	98	Southnews	141	-1	...	1.3	41.6
130	90	Sterling Pub	116	...	...	2.7	38.3
368	328	Telegraph	363	+8	11.0	3.8	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	765	...	25.4	4.2	-
347	313	Trinity Intl	343	...	8.7	3.2	-
39	34	Unit Group	34				
595	494	Utd Nwspprs	580	+7	...	4.6	14.5

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	9½	Aberdeen Pet	15½	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Aran Energy	25½	+1	...	...	-
52	40	Arcon Intl	47				
55	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	55				
63	36	Aviva Pet	46	-1			
14	4	Beverley	10	...	0.6		
183	145	Br Borneo	150	...	7.1	5.9	4.5
326	276	British Gas	308	+½	...	5.9	13.4
312½	225	Br Petroleum	303½	-1½	10.5	4.3	47.8
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½				
757	675	Burmah Castrl	715 †	-2½	...	4.4	17.4
51	32	Cairn Energy	50	...	...	...	7.2
268	223	Calor Gp	255	...	12.0	6.0	-
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	45	-1			
35	27	Copley Res	30				
13½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	13½				
521	397	Enterprise	500	+6	...	4.0	38.2
68	55	Exp Co Louis	68	-1			
30½	19½	Fairhaven Intl	29 †	+4	...	1.9	-
67	45	Goal Pet	53	-1	1.4	3.3	-
31	18	Gt Western Res	26				
152	106	Hardy O & G	140	-6	1.0	0.9	43.9
32½	18½	Kelt Energy	28				
195	141	LASMO	146 †	+4½	3.3	2.8	-
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res	21	+1			
49½	34	Monument	44½	-½			
9½	6½	New London	6½				
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.2	10.4
35	27	Oil Search	35				
14½	12	Pentex	13½				
110	99	Pict Pet	104	+1	...	...	14.4
30½	19	Premier	25	...	...	...	0.5
80	50	Presidio	80	...	...	7.9	
368	290	Ranger	290	...	...	6.0	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	5887½	-12½	...	5.5	13.8
4262½	3600	Schlumberger	4212½	+100	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	64	...	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	563	-1	21.9	4.2	17.9
203	191	Sunrise Eng SY	192				
10½	4½	Teredo	4½				
41	25	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	5.7
9	6½	Ultramar	9				
172	145	Woodside	172	+2	...	2.2	...

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High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	249	API	293	...	7.5	3.2	25.5
190	144	Arjo Wiggins	181	...	...	4.2	17.9
493	406	Abbott Mead	490	...	9.3	2.4	-
1	¼	Acsis Group	1				
23	13	Aegis Gp	19½	...	1.3	8.5	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	187 †	...	...	3.3	-
10½	7	BBB Designs	10				
227	234½	Bemrose	227	...	...	4.5	-
33	16	Birkdale	23	-1	0.2	1.1	19.5
138	116	Bunzl	127	...	4.0	3.9	-
285	259	CIA Gp	262	-1	...	2.1	-
247	116	Capital Inds	243	...	4.0	2.1	-
54	44	City of Lon	52	+1	...	8.2	10.9
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.9	34.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #				
73	51	Delyn Pckgng	60	...	1.4	2.7	13.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	4.5	5.4	-
53	42	Dudley Jenkins	50	...	...	...	12.0
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.4
58	41	Fairway Group	58	...	...	0.5	17.1
296	271	Ferguson Intl	290	...	12.5	5.3	16.9
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	-
106	74	Filofax	90	...	...	0.6	22.5
20	14	Fitch	14	...	...	...	1.6
75	69	Gibbon Lyons	75	...	...	8.3	14.2
295	247	Gold Greenless	274	-2	...	3.8	22.2
41	20	Goodhead	27	...	0.5	2.3	...
94	43	Hunterprint	69				
163	136	Interurope	163	...	7.4	5.7	10.7
224	191	Jarvis Porter	224	...	4.4	2.5	24.4
28	19½	Lopex	23	...	...	...	11.6
271	175	More O'Ferrall	253	+3	13.2	6.5	-
78	48	NMC Group	70	...	1.2	...	13.8
100	86	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
229	167	Quarto	224	+18	5.3	3.0	-
347	319	St Ives Gp	343	-1	5.2	1.9	23.4
196	152	Saatchi	172	+1			
472	333	Sappi	350	+17	...	10.6	-
19½	11½	Serlia	15½				
28½	14	Shandwick	21½				
334	294	Smith David	331	+2	9.5	3.6	14.6
295	252	Smurfit (Jeff)	262	-12	...	0.6	9.0
240	183	Son-Plus	238 †	+3½	8.0	4.2	-
23	16½	Taylor Nelson	22½	+1	0.3	1.7	-
53	38	VTR	50	...	...	8.5	14.2
65	40	WPP	60	+1	...	2.1	...
110	82	Wace	110	+5	2.2	2.6	-
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	-1	7.9	4.8	16.2
652	540	Watmough	652	...	11.5	2.2	25.6
6½	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	22.4
19	12	Whitney Mcke	19				
74	55	Wood (SW)	65	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	60 †	-1	3.5	7.4	51.8
61	58	Arcadian	60				
72	54	Asda	72	+2	2.1	3.7	-
121	88	Avonside	120	+5	4.0	4.2	-
2637½	2062½	BCE	2287½	+37½			
535	396	Bilton	524 †	+2	18.9	4.5	-
28	22	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.0	...
177	150	Bradford	177	+2	4.4	3.1	16.1
27	12	Bredero	15	...	...	...	1.4
265	176	Br Land	260	+1	6.3	3.1	24.0
198	153	Brixton	189	+5	8.1	5.4	14.4
57	45	Burford	52	...	1.1	2.8	-
142	99	Cap & Regnla	140	+1	...	0.9	...
135	120	Cardiff Prop	125	...	2.4	2.4	...
260	196	Chesterfield	260	...	18.5	...	18.3
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
14	10	Clayform	10½				
1045	818	Daejan	1045	-15	25.0	3.0	16.3
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½				
88	53	Debenhm Twsn	71	-1	2.5	4.4	25.8
12	4	De Morgan	6				
90	76	Dencora	90	...	5.5	7.6	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	403 †	+½	8.6	2.7	-
225	170	Estates Agency	200	...	3.0	1.9	18.3
27	7½	Estates Gen	10½	+½			
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
23½	11	Five Oaks	23½	+2½			
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	386	...	15.0	4.9	21.8
140	97	Grainger	138	...	5.2	4.8	30.8
170	120	Gt Portland	165	+2	10.0	7.6	16.4
19	7½	Greycoat	16½	...	5.2		
128	101	HK Land	112	-½	...	5.8	...
64	35	Hambro Cntyw	59				
417	277	Hammerson	354	-11	10.0	3.5	10.5
392	245	-do- 'A'	320	-9	10.0	3.9	15.3
169	127	Helical Bar	164	...	...	3.7	...
26	19	Hemingway	23				
132	69	Herring Baker	69	-4	7.0	12.7	...
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.4	...
539	435	Land Sec	535	+1	21.7	5.1	16.2
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	89	...	3.8	5.3	14.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3				
418	324	MEPC	385	+1	20.0	6.4	16.3
6	5	McInerney A	6				
110	90	McKay Secs	106	...	6.7	...	17.4
7½	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	
34½	12	Merivale Mre	34½	+1	1.0	3.6	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #				
35	31	Moorfield Est	32				
880	775	Mountview	850	...	18.0	2.7	6.7
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	135	...	5.9	5.6	16.6
40	30	Olives Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
10½	5½	Ossory Est	7½	...	0.1	2.4	2.3
201	138	Peel	184	...	3.0	2.0	...
16	8	Power Corp	13	...	...	...	1.3
122	88	Prop Security	109	...	5.7	4.3	21.7
39	26	Property Trust	28				
19½	11	Regalian	19	+3½	1.5	9.9	3.8
7½	7½	Rosehaugh	7½ #				
135	115	Rowlinson Secs	115	...	1.3	1.5	34.5
35	16	St Modwen Prp	32	...	0.6	2.3	24.4
52	39	Savills	49				
58	34	Scot Met	57	+3	1.5	...	...
69	39	Shaftesbury	69				
14½	5	Shield	12½				
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	0.5	1.8	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	165 †	-1	...	6.1	-
74	56	Southend Prop	70	...	4.1	7.5	35.5
16	7	Speyhawk	13				
27	16	Stanhope Prps	23				
156	114	Tops Ests	132	...	2.0	1.6	38.6
100	79	Town Centre	96	...	3.1	4.0	17.9
65	43	Trafford Park	59	...	2.5	5.5	15.9
39	8	UK Land	21				
9½	4	Union Square	6½				
217	180	Warner	217	...	10.5	6.3	19.2
199	168	Warnford	192	...	7.2	4.7	13.3
9	5½	Waterglade	6½				
49	35	Wates	43½	...	0.7	2.2	...
51	40	Wood John De	50	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
17	11	Automagic	17	...	...	...	...
128	91	Headlam	125 †	+1	...	2.7	-
500	330	Lambert	385	...	13.0	4.2	-
100	80	Pinard Garnar	80	...	2.0	3.1	22.9
27	20	Strong & Fisher	22 †	+1	1.0	5.7	6.1
150	89	Stylo	130	...	3.0	3.0	-

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	466	...	12.6	3.4	14.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	54 †	-1	4.7	...	10.7
27	31	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	-
153	69	Celestion	144	-½	1.4	1.2	...
30	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	325	+1	7.2	2.5	-
601	551	Courtauld Text	564	...	13.6	3.0	15.4
53½	24½	Cupid	33	...	...	13.5	3.9
249½	221	Dawson	234	...	9.0	4.8	22.8
30	22	Drummond	23	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27				
72	65	Faupel	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
85	92	Gaskell	83	...	4.2	7.1	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	167	+1	3.4	2.5	14.2
51	45	Jerome (S)	49	...	1.0	...	
328	249	Lamont	310	...	12.0	5.0	-
425	357½	Leeds	421	...	...	2.2	20.5
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	101	Lyles (S)	101	-2	4.9	6.1	11.5
100	69	Parkland 'A'	98	...	2.0	2.0	...
95½	82	Readicut	91	...	3.4	4.7	18.1
53	35	SEET	41				
94	72	Sirdar	85	...	5.1	7.0	14.9
58	41	Stirling Gp	57	...	1.6	3.6	30.9
51	43	Stoddard	43	...	2.6	7.6	11.5
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	45	+1			
356	252	Yorklyde	355	...	9.7	3.5	16.6

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	855	BAT	901	+6	...	5.2	19.5
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	629	+5	10.2	2.0	14.4

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	382	...	8.5	2.8	...
813	738	BAA	768	-7	14.5	2.4	13.6
311	260	Br Airways	295	...	...	4.6	7.6
81	58	Clarkson (H)	58	...	1.5	3.3	...
23	22	Davies Newman	23 #				
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	440	-20			
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
139	126	Graig	130	...	4.5	4.4	...
166	147	IoM Steam	158	...	...	6.3	8.3
39	24	Jacobs (J)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
79	41	Lon O'seas Frts	79	+2	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	3075	+37½	4.5	0.3	11.3
340	260	Mersey Docks	330	-1	7.5	2.8	-
210	181	Natl Express	187	-1	...	3.8	-
284	238	NFC	249 †	+3½	6.3	3.3	18.9
302	244	Ocean Group	269 †	-3½	14.3	6.7	-
53	40	Ocean Wilson	49	...	...	6.8	10.9
627	504	P & O Dfd	555	+8	...	6.0	17.8
137	127	P & O 5½%	132	-1	...	5.2	...
534	448	Powell Duffryn	532	-1	22.6	5.3	21.2
138	117	Seacon	130	...	...	4.0	8.2
41½	24	TIP Europe	41 †	+½	1.4	4.3	9.0
43	31½	TNT	42½	+½			
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	705 †	-1	...	11.8	2.1
382	325	Tiphook	335	-1	17.3	6.5	8.7
298	259	TDG	272	+3	9.5	4.4	-

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	510	+5	19.3	4.7	9.3
652	547	Northumbrian	621	+2	20.5	4.1	6.4
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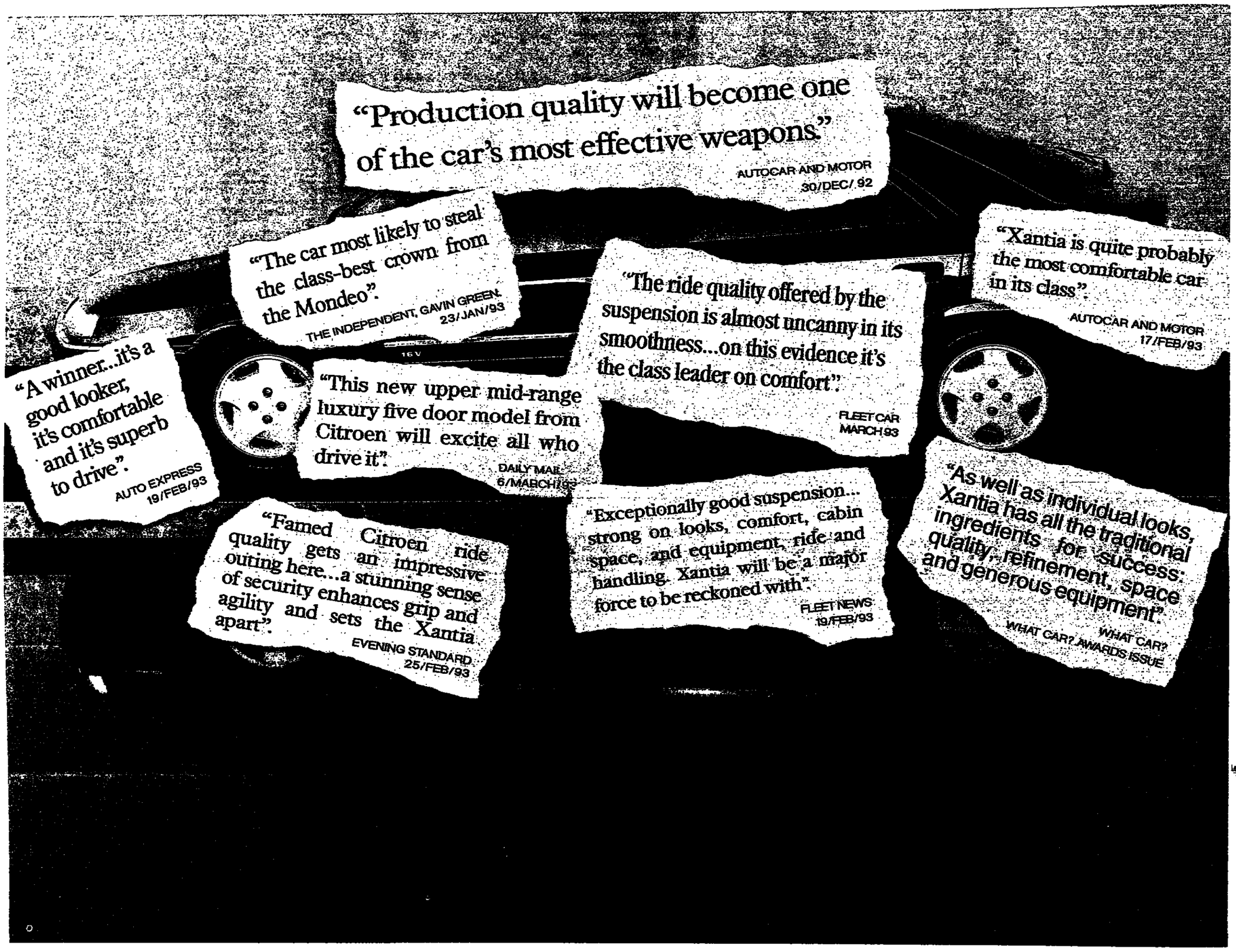
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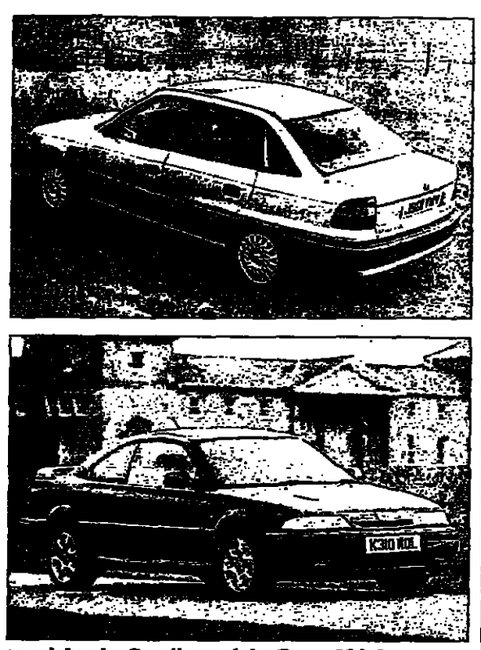
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FLEET CARS

Accelerating on a smoother road

As the Fleet Show opens today at Silverstone, **Vaughan Freeman** assesses the condition of the company car sector





Three's company: the Ford Escort, left, is the top-selling fleet car followed by the Fiesta, the Vauxhall Astra, top right, the Cavalier and the Rover 220, bottom

A cautiously upbeat car industry believes that increases in purchases for company fleets over the past three months are the most accurate indicators yet of a genuine resurgence in the economy.

After four years of recession, analysts predict that companies will be looking to renew aging car fleets after they have examined the best ways of turning the Budget's tax changes to their advantage.

The changes next April will gauge personal tax in kind on company cars on 35 per cent of the vehicle's retail price. The initial reactions to these changes were that a "dash for cash" would start as employees declined the company car in favour of an increased pay and benefits package.

However, longer reflection seems to indicate that the market is far from turning up its toes, except perhaps for the exception of the car that is exclusively a perk.

Such expensive business vehicles, which cover fewer than 2,500 business miles, may well be at risk in future, since they will attract a crippling tax burden. On the whole, analysts believe that fleets will thrive, though future profiles of company car fleets will change to include more diesel-engined vehicles and more larger-engined, low-specified cars.

Since company cars account for half the new cars bought annually in the United Kingdom, a figure which this year could reach 1.8 million sales, that is good news for both the economy and the automobile industry.

The leading manufacturers will have their wares on display at the Fleet Show at the Silverstone circuit, Northamptonshire, from today until Friday.

The show, to be opened by Michael Jack, Home Office minister responsible for Car Crime Prevention Year, is an annual showcase for the multi-million-pound fleet car industry. The car makers show off their latest models, and among the exhibitors are companies specialising in all aspects of fleet management support and service facilities, including computer systems, rental, leasing, driver training, security, car disposals and finance.

This year there is a greater air of optimism than has been apparent for some time. Mr Len Clayton, the managing director of Swan National Leasing, is among those who believe the dark days may be over. "Figures confirm the market has gone back as much as 20 per cent in the past 12 months. It has been pretty dire out there, but in the past two months or so medium fleets have registered some excitement and the order flow for new vehicles is picking up steadily. The market is clearly on the up."

Mr Clayton sees two areas of demand: from fleets which have extended the lives of their vehicles, to perhaps 90,000 miles, and which now have to replace them; and from companies adding extra vehicles.

The optimism is also detected by Colin McLean, the chairman of the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association leasing committee, and managing director of Highway Vehicle Leasing. He says: "The Budget changes will, I think, particularly hit cars which are presently tax efficient, those just under the £19,250 and 2-litre thresholds.

"From April next year, somebody driving a car like that will see their tax rise something like 48 per cent, no matter what business mileage they do."

Mr McLean expects such drivers instead to take less expensive cars, costing about £17,000, while others, prepared to stay with more costly vehicles, will buy them with bigger engines, possibly diesels.

Though perk car owners, a tiny minority of company car fleets, may have to give up their cars, research has consistently shown that company car users are reluctant to make such a move. In most cases it is, anyway, impossible for them to do so: an estimated 80 per cent of fleet cars are purely tools for work, run by service engineers, sales representatives and others who cover high work mileages.

If they were to run their own cars for work, they would need massive recompense from employers for fuel and maintenance. Incomes Data Services reported in 1992 that companies considering withdrawing company cars from their staff would need to provide cash compensation worth between £178 and £750 a month.

Research from the Confederation of British Industry and the management consultants Towers Perrin reiterated the popularity of the company car, with 98 per cent of respondents placing it as the leading attraction, ahead of 22 other non-cash benefits.

If employees are committed to their cars, then so, too, are their employers. The Hertz Leasing report on the company car, published this month, states: "Three-quarters of financial directors are committed to company cars and will not be considering alternative forms of compensation in the foreseeable future. The company car remains a powerful means of providing mobility and non-financial benefits for the workforce."

The growing interest in replenishing and expanding company car fleets is probably the most accurate indicator we have that the economy as a whole is at last turning round. Although the days of the perk car may be numbered, the company car is here to stay.

THE FLEET SHOW

The Fleet Show at Silverstone opens today and continues until Friday. It features the latest car models including the Ford Mondeo, Rover 600, Peugeot 306, Renault Safrane and Vauxhall Corsa, all of which can be test driven. Daily seminars sponsored by Lease Plan will look at the impact of changes in the taxation of company cars. There are 132 exhibitors. Entrance is free. Times: 9.30-5pm today; 9.30-7pm tomorrow; 9.30-5pm on Thursday and 9.30-4pm on Friday. There is a chauffeur service from Milton Keynes station.

Budget for the future

When the Chancellor finally announced the basis for company car taxation for 1994 onwards, the fleet industry awarded itself a collective pat on the back. The response, however, fell short of jubilation because, although a key recommendation had been accepted, reservations rubbed the edge off the industry's success.

With 67 per cent of respondents to the Inland Revenue's consultative document on benefit-in-kind taxation opposing the proposed introduction of price bands, the Treasury could hardly have ignored the industry's antipathy towards its original banding suggestion. Instead, a scale charge based on a straight 35 per cent of list price will replace the current regime next spring. The Chancellor, however, has retained the existing handings for business mileage and a discount structure; the full rate of tax will be paid only by drivers of fewer than 2,500 business miles a year. Those doing 2,500-18,000 work miles will benefit from a discount of a third. Drivers covering more than 18,000 a year for work will get two-thirds off.

The Finance and Leasing Association, for one, will continue to lobby for a review of the arrangement, seeing it as illogical, but on the whole industry reaction has been positive. "Prior to Budget day we were concerned the government had made up its mind to instate its published proposals, so we are delighted it has listened to the industry's representations," says Colin McLean, chairman of the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association leasing committee, and managing director of Highway Vehicle Leasing.

Ironically, it is drivers with cars priced just under the existing £19,250 breakpoint who will be among the main losers once the new scheme is introduced. "If offered a Rover 820 2.0Si this year, which has been strategically priced at £18,395 to capitalise on the current system, I would recommend drivers to think twice because they could be over £65 a month worse off come spring 1994," says Nick Brown, managing director of Trimoco Leasing.

Roger King, director of public affairs for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, believes that the 35 per cent charge is too high. "At 35 per cent some drivers will switch over to cash," he says. "The charge should be more like 25 per cent. What is more, the lack of any cap will penalise manufacturers like Aston Martin who provide employment and embody engineering excellence in the UK."

The general view, however, is that "essential" company car drivers will have little choice but to keep their cars, even though they could be slightly worse off under the new regime. What they may well do is opt for a lower-specification, smaller-engined, cheaper car to try to reduce tax liability.

The Chancellor was faced with a trade-off between simplicity and equity. Every scheme has winners and losers. The fleet industry is confident that, on balance, he has backed a winner.

MERYL CUMBER

Safe, spacious and sporty . . . the new luxury fleet cars have all this and still make top company personnel look the business

Power and prestige

Once upon a time a company boss looking for the car to reflect his position had the choice of either a Jaguar or, well, a Jaguar. Today true prestige on four wheels is found behind half a dozen or so makers' emblems and even a discerning director is spoilt for choice.

Sales of such cars have suffered over the past three years. Top management has been reluctant to buy, in case it tempted the recessionary fates or sent the wrong message to the workforce. Now, continued investment by manufacturers determined to improve their vehicles, plus a general feeling that the economy is finally recovering, are filtering through. March saw new car sales rise for the sixth consecutive month.

Jaguar is among those enjoying a change of fortune, with sales reaching 1,622 for the first quarter compared with 1,517 for the same period last year. The Coventry manufacturer has spent an estimated £35 million introducing entirely new components and upgrading elements for the 1993 model range. The XJ6 saloon comes in 3.2-litre and 4-litre form, with prices ranging from £26,200 to £44,200.

Now topping the range is the all-new XJ12 with a V12 6-litre engine, costing £46,600, or £51,700 for the Daimler Double Six version. Wedded to the old Jaguar virtues of grace, space and pace is a three-year warranty, on top of which the V12 adds a daunting 155mph top speed.

The Jaguar is not the roomiest of luxury cars, even in the back where chauffeur-driven cars could do with extra inches. It is, though, hugely reassuring, making you feel good, even privileged, each time you wrap the car around you and, at £26,000 upwards, it is fiercely good value.

At Saab the 9000CS is just fierce. Priced at £23,500, this 2.3-litre turbo-charged car is not as fast flat-out as Jaguar's 6-litre XJ12, but acceleration is massive. The cabin is close fitting and swathed in leather. The car feels built of bricks and its speed seems to bend some elementary law of physics.

In fact, the front-wheel-drive Saab has difficulty getting the power on to the road from a standing start. This is little matter, since burning away from the lights is no trick for the ambitious director, or indeed anyone sane, to indulge in. The acceleration is available at almost any speed, however, making overtaking a safe pastime.



Grace, space and pace: the Jaguar XJ6 is "fiercely good value"

The vagaries of the currency markets have seen prices of cars from other European manufacturers rise, and sales accordingly fall. Mercedes-Benz sales are down 12.5 per cent for the first quarter to 5,559, sales of BMW 5-Series are down 9 per cent to 2,712 and big Volvos are down 20 per cent.

BMW's 7-Series now has a new V8 4-litre engine enabling it to compete against the 400SE from Mercedes-Benz. At almost £53,000 for the Mercedes, and £40,000 for the BMW, Teutonic engineering brilliance does not come cheap. BMW has long had the sporting image edge on Mercedes-Benz, but while the interior comfort and appointment is first class, it cannot match the sheer space of the Mercedes.

From Volvo comes the 850, a relative newcomer and one which stunned the motoring press as a Volvo that is actually fun to drive. While no manufacturer can match Volvo's image as a purveyor of safe cars, few of them have suffered from a reputation of building cars with all the sport and thrill content of a baked potato. The 2.5-litre 850 GLT (£20,000) uses a five-cylinder engine, developed with sports car maker Porsche, which is capable of taking the Bertone-styled car to a 134mph top speed.

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Leasing is becoming an increasingly attractive option for companies seeking to release their capital

According to 75 per cent of the Finance and Leasing Association's members, demand for motor finance will increase over the next few months. General optimism is explained by the anticipated release of pent-up demand for cars and the trend away from purchasing and towards *third party financing*.

There are a number of questions to answer before selecting the *method of funding*. Clive Tulloch, tax partner at Coopers & Lybrand and editor of the CCH Company *Car Tax Guide, identifies them as:*

☐ What level of external service support is necessary?

☐ *How much risk is the company* prepared to bear?

☐ What is the VAT and tax position of the company?

☐ Does it matter if the fleet appears on the balance sheet?

Research for the 1993 Hertz *Report found that the proportion* of companies incorporating contract hire into their funding mix had increased by 9 per cent to 44 *per cent compared with a similar* survey in 1992. But the percentage buying all or some of its fleet *remained unchanged at 55 per* cent. The result confirms the increasing popularity of contract *hire and a wider mix of methods* within funding portfolios. The attraction of outright purchase lies in the retention of complete control by the fleet user, *who also gleans* writing-down benefits and any profit on the sale of the vehicles. There are, however, a number of disadvantages.

VAT on car acquisitions is not recoverable (although it is on running costs) and the fleet must be shown on the owner's balance sheet, creating gearing ratio implications. Further, capital which could be used more productively elsewhere in the business will be tied. Pete McAree, national sales manager of Fleet Management Services, predicts a shift from outright purchase because many *companies will need to find additional capital.* His company has been buying fleets from businesses to lease them back.

"The growing demand for sale and leaseback reproduces the pattern of the early 1980s when companies were faced with the need to raise cash to finance renewed growth," he recalls.

Among leasing options, only finance leasing is declining in popularity due to relative inflexibility. The lessor *owns* the fleet throughout the lease period but the lessee carries all the risks of ownership, including those of resale value.

VAT is recoverable on the finance lease's fixed monthly instal*ments but the asset must appear* on the lessee's balance sheet and is subject to the £3,000 annual *writing-down allowance limit.* The cap reduces cost-effectiveness of cars priced over £12,000.

Contract hire, on the other hand, is growing in popularity. In what is, in effect, a long-term rental arrangement, the lessee avoids all the risks, but also the rewards, of ownership in return for a fixed monthly rental agreed *at the outset. The fleet is no* longer an asset and therefore does not appear on the balance sheet.

The lessor's purchasing power will secure greater price discounts, which should be passed on in lower rentals, but *any saving may* be wiped out if the lessee is partly or fully exempt for VAT purposes. The monthly rentals *include a sum reimbursing the lessor for VAT* paid on the car's purchase. VAT is then added to the total figure. If *the lessee is unable to reclaim the* tax it will be hit with double VAT costs. That VAT double whammy, together with writing-down allowance restrictions, passed on in the form of *higher rentals to lessees in* contract hire agreements, prompted the development of contract purchase.

Like hire and lease purchase, contract purchase revolves around a loan to the lessee to fund the *purchase of a car.* However, the lessor offers to repurchase the vehicle for a pre-agreed sum after a pre-arranged period, thereby retaining ownership. The lessee enters into the finance agreement *with a supplementary maintenance* contract, removing management headaches.

MERYL CUMBER



Making its mark: after a dream launch, the Mondeo is on its way to becoming a big player in the upper medium saloon sector

Go where the money is

Eric Dymock takes a look at the main players and their challengers in the upper end of the fleet car market. Will Ford and Vauxhall be able to hold their own?

One of the most profitable and competitive sectors of the market is that covering upper medium saloons. "Upper" refers to price (£12,000-£18,000), "medium" means with an engine capacity of about 2 litres. Buyers are fastidious, and include the most important user-choosers in the business. Higher prices mean, by and large, higher profits, and all the main players take part in the game.

Traditionally the field belonged to Ford and Vauxhall, with the Cortina and Victor, Sierra and Cavalier. Then the demands of the top-grade rep and the superior executive led *to the addition of sunroofs,* leather upholstery, CD players and air-conditioning, creating the *premium* (£18,000 *to* £22,000) end of upper medium saloons. Executives bought Audi 80s, BMW 3-Series and Mercedes-Benz 190s in a category that last year accounted for about 57,000 of the 400,000 cars sold in the sector as a whole.

As senior executives "downsize" from Jaguars and Rover 800s, to modest 2-litre models with all the trimmings to which they are accustomed, the grouping grows in influence and importance.

The old guard, Ford and Vauxhall, are squaring up to a challenge which looks less discouraging than it did a couple of years ago. The new *Mondeo has been getting* such rave reviews, and the evergreen Cavalier is still able *to give such a good account of* itself in a keenly competitive market, that it is the challengers who are under attack. Toyota and Nissan will have their work cut out to catch the frontrunners.

*Ford was quick to acknowl*edge a couple of errors on the introduction of the Mondeo, one technical, the other marketing. The first was put right by raising the overall gearing of the 2-litre model to make it quieter and more restful on the motorway.

The pricing blunder was less easy to remedy. The Mondeo's prices, announced at the Geneva motor show, saw a modest increase on the Sierra list price, but a big rise on what the outgoing model was actually selling at because of heavy *discounting. Ford justified the* price by suggesting that the Mondeo should be compared to a BMW, not a Vauxhall, Nissan or Toyota.

Mondeo gained top marks for style, speed and handling. *It is as smooth and quiet as* anything in the class, and the detailing is worthy of a more expensive car. Yet it was not cheap. The Ghia 2-litre cost £18,080 for the five-door; the cheapest in the 16-model range, the 1.6i, was £11,580.

Vauxhall cheerfully raised Cavalier prices by nearly 3 per cent, still undercutting Mondeo by £1,000-£1,500. Two weeks after the Mondeo went on sale, Ford reduced dealer margins to 10 per cent, cut the price by 6 per cent to make the Ghia 2-litre £17,450 and the *1.6i £11,200, and so reduced* the gap.

Vauxhall has enhanced the Cavalier range with a new V-6, making it smoother and quieter and as fast as BMW, the paragon every manufacturer seems to aim at. The Cavalier was the second-best-selling car on the UK market last year after the Escort. It is well-tailored to the market with good handling and an agreeable appearance, and not due *for revision for a full two* seasons yet.

Against an establishment such as this, what chance is there for challengers? Rover and Honda are probably not even in the running for the big-fleet market. Honda is *well established as a private-*buyer car, the Accord coming with a two-year unlimited *mileage warranty.* Dealer margins are 17 per cent (against Rover's 10 per cent), so there is room for price cuts to come. The joint Rover/Honda operation remains, like Audi, a key player in the premium-fleet market, joining *the elite matched against the* BMW.

That leaves Peugeot 405, Toyota Carina E and Nissan Primera in the main upper medium category. Peugeot has an advantage in superior diesels (less obtrusive than either Ford or Vauxhall) and *the 405 acquits itself well.* Last year's sales in Britain totalled 48,482 against 77,253 Sier*ras and 108,818 Cavaliers.*

The real newcomers are Toyota, with production at *Burnaston in Derbyshire* building up, and British Nissan. Yet both come to the *market with one of their* principal advantages all but gone. The reliability of Fords and Vauxhalls is now almost a match for the Japanese. European cars have so improved that such differences as remain have little effect on sales.

Accordingly, Toyota's Carina E and Nissan's Primera are judged on their more conspicuous *qualities: ride, handling,* performance, comfort and style. They are scarcely deficient *in any yet, unlike the* Mondeo and Cavalier, both are less than memorable.

Japanese 2-litre saloons tend to be bland. Their *reliability is taken for* granted; they are invariably well equipped but sometimes expensive, and their longevity may be no better than average.

Both makes have three-year, 60,000-mile warranties and *six-year anti-perforation guar*antees. Surface-treated steel resists rusting, and galvanised *steel covers 87 per cent of the* Toyota's bodywork. But its interior looks gloomy and cheap, and the Nissan does not have much sense of style. Good detailing remains.

Toyota has developed a lean-burn engine, which *mixes more air with the petrol* to achieve better economy, but the Carina's ride is not smooth, and its handling does not have the Mondeo's or Cavalier's assurance.

The Primera inherits the old Bluebird's exemplary reliability, *with a more supple ride* and precise handling from an unusual multi-link front suspension. Its drawbacks are a rather small back seat and an unstylish inside. The plain upholstery is no match for luxurious rivals.

Appealing image, and costs to match

Diesel engines — economical, reliable and thoroughly modern — are giving companies fuel for thought

Diesel-engined cars continue to sell at ever faster rates, with total sales this year forecast by the motor industry pricing bible, *Glass's Guide,* to reach 230,000 compared with last year's total of 200,000, which *was the highest achieved by* diesel sales in the UK.

If anything, sales of diesels during the first quarter show the *Glass's Guide* forecast might even be on the conservative side. Diesel sales for the first quarter of this year accounted for a record 16.4 per cent of the new car market, with 74,225 sold. That compares with the 46,114 diesel cars sold during the same period last year, which represented 11.35 per cent of the new car *market. Sales of die*sels to company car fleets now account *for 12-13 per cent* (and rising) of all company cars being *bought, another rec*ord achievement.

The March Budget gave company car fleet managers further fuel *for thought, because from next* April the personal tax liability burden on company cars will be based on a straight 35 per cent of the retail price, thus removing the current engine *size element which penalises* larger-engined cars. Since diesel cars require larger engines *to supply the performance of* smaller-engined petrol equivalents, this has worked as a *hindrance to company car* diesel sales.

With diesels 20-30 per cent *more fuel efficient than petrol* vehicles, the economic argument for them, particularly for *fleet users, is already strong* and getting stronger, says Martin Keighley, senior data editor for CAP Nationwide Motor Research. "Most used diesel cars are worth approximately 15-30 per cent more than the equivalent petrol engined vehicles of the same age, mileage and condition.

"In the past, the fact that diesels were generally noisier and slower made them less attractive to the fleet driver. The introduction of turbo diesels *with impressive* performance and effective noise and vibration insulation has overcome *many old prejudices.*

"On balance the diesel-engined car remains, for the present, the better buy overall than a petrol-engined equivalent for average to high mileage business users. Added to that is the current view that driving diesel is the right thing to do in the 1990s."



Smart: Citroën ZX Volcane Turbo Diesel

Evidently manufacturers have much to be proud of. Not only are they producing cars far superior to the vehicles that just ten years ago accounted for less than 1 per cent of new UK car sales. They are also successfully shaking off the image of diesels as uncomfortable, unrefined, noisy and smoky. The propaganda war is being won convincingly. *Drivers now reckon that envi*ronmentally, as well as economically, diesel is the smart *way to drive, especially to* avoid breaking down.

These are not just words. Figures from ADACX, the German breakdown and recovery organisation, show that diesels are 50 per cent less likely to break down than petrol-driven models.

Citroën's £13,000 ZX Volcane Turbo Diesel is typical of the developments helping to bury the old diesel image. With a top speed of 115mph, 0-60mph in 10.3 seconds, and a 50-70mph acceleration time to equal the Golf GTi and Ford XR3i, *performance is superb. In* addition, the Volcane is rated Group 10 for insurance purposes, so there is a saving of up to £653 a year on premiums.

Britain's best-selling diesel, the Peugeot 405, accounts for one in eight diesels sold. It is a thoroughly modern saloon, comfortable and quiet, and the 405 GRDT will give 55 miles a gallon at 50mph, while boasting a top speed of 112mph. Peugeot's prestige 605 diesel models all feature remote central locking, power steering, and anti-lock brakes as standard, as well as a top speed of 120mph.

If economy is all, the 106 from Peugeot, voted *What Car?* magazine's most economical car, is capable of 76.3mpg at a steady 56mph.

For those who really hate filling up, the answer might well be an Audi 100TD, which recently covered an awesome 1,338.1 miles on a single 17.6 gallon tank, at an average of more than 70mpg. Whatever the myths of diesel *motoring, the reality is that the* Audi is a quiet, sophisticated and prestigious piece of *machinery.*

For the company-car driver, then, any fears that the undeniable cash advantages of diesel might be outweighed by loss of prestige, driving comfort or performance are more accurately a reflection of the motorist's ignorance than of the reality of diesel driving.

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A little car that thinks big

Eric Dymock discovers how Vauxhall snatched a prize order from under Rover's nose

Vauxhall's five-year contract to supply the British School of Motoring (BSM) with 50,000 new Corsas is believed to be one of the biggest single-fleet contracts to have been signed in the UK.

Peter Batchelor, Vauxhall's executive director of sales and marketing, has good reason to be delighted — the deal is worth £400 million at showroom prices and includes an option extending it for a further five years.

The Corsa 1.2i LS three-door model will be specified for most of BSM's 2,000 franchised driving schools, replacing the familiar red, white and blue Metros.

Ian Coomber, Vauxhall's sales director, won the contract after a year-long campaign. One-off mega-contracts directly between Vauxhall Motors and BSM are exceptional. Mr Coomber has a 60-strong sales force that helps Vauxhall dealers to strike similar deals with firms around the country.



Coomber: targeting decision makers

Fleet sales, according to Mr Coomber, are invariably the result of a lot of chasing and some hard talking. In the case of BSM it began with a cold call. "I was driving to work one day and got stuck in traffic behind a British School of Motoring Metro. There is nothing that says BSM will always drive Metros so I 'phoned and arranged meetings. I aimed at managing director, decision-making level. We took BSM people to Germany to look at the Corsa before it was announced.

"We included BSM's driving tuition team and its marketing team — BSM has to capture pupils' imaginations and the instructors have to make this car their home throughout the day; they have to live with it and we had to satisfy BSM that they could."

Vauxhall supplies Corsas direct to BSM to be equipped with dual controls. "Of course we were aware of the influence on BSM's pupils. They will clearly be biased towards the car they learn to drive in. We know that 43 per cent of people who pass the test buy cars in the following three months. It is not always a new car but we hope we get them into a Vauxhall dealer."

Vauxhall's usual policy is to channel fleet deals through dealers. "A dealer can see how much business a deal can generate for him and he generally makes the judgment on discounts. He judges the service potential," Mr Coomber says. "There is no rule book: no scale that says fleets of a certain size qualify for this or that.

"The job of the Vauxhall field force is to deal with the 3,000 to 4,000 major fleets in the country. If there is a bulk purchase in prospect, we try to make sure we get our demonstrator cars placed in fleets; we make presentations to members of boards or transport managers."

User-chooser fleets provide employees with a list of approved cars and allow them a choice of make and model. "This is more difficult to deal with," Mr Coomber says. "Beyond ensuring that you are represented on the list of 'possibles' there is not a lot you can do to tempt the average user-chooser."

New models are announced to fleets in much the same way as to dealers and to the press. "We hold fleet launch programmes. We do tours of the country to show the car to our target decision makers, set presentations, and when the prices are announced our field sales team can swing into action."

The biggest fleets belong to the car-hire companies — upwards of 25,000 cars a year — but they scarcely come into the fleet equation. They re-sell cars after a relatively short time. Commercial fleets seldom run to more than 2,000-3,000 cars a year, and a great number have about 400. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders defines fleets as 25 units or more. These account for 40 per cent of the total car market.

"If you include all business sales to partnerships or single proprietors it comes to around 70 per cent. Fleets of between 25 and 100 cars are the most numerous and they are the most difficult to target. It comes down to dealers working on their own patch whom we help with training courses for their fleet specialists."

The future for the British fleet market looks secure. Mr Coomber believes that the exchequer has gone about as far as it is going to on taxation. The Chancellor indicated as much in the Budget when he said that the company car was now fairly taxed. "He does not want to kill off the company car," Mr Coomber says. "It is too valuable for the industry, and as a tax provider. The general rep is not in much danger although the luxury sector is under threat."



Clinching the deal: Richard Glover, managing director of BSM, left, and Peter Batchelor, from Vauxhall

Flexible friends are into oil

Fuel cards operators are looking at ways to expand their horizons

The use of plastic cards to buy fuel and goods such as tyres, batteries, exhausts and servicing is now so widespread in the UK that companies specialising in the field are looking to expand internationally.

The card-based systems have grown in particular because they allow management access to detailed information that can identify problem vehicles, and even problem drivers, as well as the cheaper sources of fuel on given routes. Companies switching to the systems can make savings on their fuel costs of at least 5 per cent.

Cards are also being used increasingly to sell diesel fuel through a "bunkering" system. Bunkering is the establishment of a series of fuel stores around the country run either by big companies for their own fleets to use or by independent operators supplying a portfolio of smaller customers. With diesel fuel ever more in demand for fleet cars as well as trucks and vans, the use of bunkers can cut fuel costs by about 15p a gallon compared with pump prices.

The two biggest operators in the cards-based market are PHH Allstar, whose ultimate parent is America's PHH Corporation, and Vehicle Information Services (VIS), which is best known for two major card brands, Overdrive and Dialcard. Several oil companies run card operations, among them BP, Shell, Esso and Texaco.

David Knight, the managing director of PHH Allstar, has targeted both Germany and France for intensive forays into European markets. The two countries produce different problems, Germany being relatively undeveloped territory as far as the use of plastic cards is concerned. France lies at the other end of the spectrum, described by Mr Knight as "swimming in cards".

In France, PHH Allstar is working with an oil company on a trial system. A recent agreement in Germany will produce a fuel and service network for a number of transport associations provided by PHH Allstar in association with DEKRA, a long-established automotive safety and maintenance group.

In the UK there are probably 5 million cars either in company fleets or run by professionals such as lawyers and engineers. Already there are about 1.5 million fuel cards in circulation.



Knight: opportunities on the Continent

PHH Allstar has about 450,000 fuel cards in circulation giving drivers access to a network of more than 12,000 forecourts including all motorway service stations. The Allstar network settles more than £12 million-worth of clients' petrol bills every week.

VIS, which claims about the same size of operation in fuel cards while being smaller in fleet management, is a joint venture involving Evans Halshaw, a national car sales and garage chain. Its partner is Overdrive Credit Card, part of Harpur UK, a holding company which also has publishing and marketing interests. A year ago VIS acquired Dialcard from Dial Contracts at a time when Dialcard was the third force in fuel cards.

VIS is pursuing growth through expansion of fleet management but it is also seizing opportunities abroad. It runs a card-processing operation for a consortium of five oil companies operating in mainland Europe, including Texaco, Elf and Agip. A similar deal with one oil company has just been signed in the Far East. VIS has also just acquired a fuel-card company in Australia.

More growth in fuel-card business in the UK looks likely in the wake of a Budget which has intensified the need to monitor fuel costs. Tax increases on fuel mean that a company with a car fleet of 500 running on unleaded fuel faces an extra £35,000 a year on its fuel bills.

Mr Johnson believes that the use of electronic data interchange will be employed increasingly to improve efficiency and contain costs.

DEREK HARRIS

Risking life and the limo

Companies drive headlong into oncoming insurance premiums

As a young, high-mileage sales engineer, Michael Turrell might seem a prime candidate for a bad driving record. Instead, he defied the stereotype of the company-car driver by becoming Cellnet driver of the year.

Despite their public image, it was the high-mileage business drivers who proved to be the smoothest car handlers of the 2,500 award contestants. They were also top at spotting defects in their vehicles and scored 80 per cent for manoeuvring.

At the John Watson Performance Driving Centre, based at the Silverstone racing track, company drivers are trained to handle their vehicles more safely on special one-day courses.

Tricia Watson, the corporate sales executive at the centre says: "The right attitude to driving is the most important thing we teach. The main fault among drivers is the lack of perception of speed. Many drivers do not have the control over the car that they think they have, so by the end of the day there is a big difference. Those who were overconfident become much more willing to admit that they were not as good as they thought."

Unfortunately many companies have cut back on driver training in a short-term attempt to restrict spending in the recession. The cost benefits of improved driving skills may take years to become apparent, while the cost of a course — about £150 a day per driver — is all too obvious.

Generally, it is companies with a good overall safety record in all aspects of their operations that put the most emphasis on safe driving.

Nick Charles, the AA's manager of training operations, says: "The AA has seen a reduction in accidents involving its staff as a result of training. That is proof that training works."

Similarly, the nation's police forces have cut their accident rate from one in 8,000 miles to one in 250,000 miles, despite the high speeds demanded of drivers.

The AA opened its training centre in Nottingham to the public 18 months ago and offers fleet car operators a one-hour assessment for each driver so that each can be allotted the time needed to improve skills. General Accident gives an insurance discount to companies sending drivers on the course: most company-car drivers are bad insurance risks.

Mr Charles says: "I don't know how some companies keep going with the number of accidents they have. I visited a company whose 180 cars had been involved in 220 accidents in one year. That is a startling statistic.



Motor skills: driver of the year Michael Turrell

"At another company an applicant was not asked for details of his licence despite the fact that his job would involve continual use of a vehicle. Had he required computer skills, almost certainly these would have been checked and additional training implemented.

"The driver, who was expected to pick up six of his workmates on the way to the plant, had picked up two when the vehicle went off the road. The hidden financial costs of this incident are enormous: six key employees not at work, causing production chaos; three in hospital with large medical costs; insurance costs; and production costs."

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Company cars often walk before they have been running very long

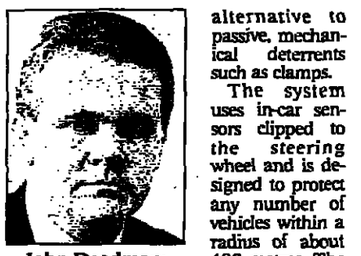
Not quite as safe as houses

Wheel clamps are now a sight as common on car and truck fleets incarcerated in compounds as they are on the high street during peak shopping hours. But this is not punishment; it is security, *Derek Harris writes.*

It is clearly not a satisfactory solution. But car alarms are proving insufficient for fleet car needs. Derick Perkins, the director of maintenance control at Fleet Management Services, which specialises in fleet management, says that last year there was a 13 per cent increase in car theft from the fleets on his company's books. "The figures suggest that the majority of cars stolen and not recovered are now stolen to order by professional criminals," Mr Perkins says. "Obviously such people are not dissuaded by alarms."

However, he believes that deadlocks can prove effective in preventing theft. Manufacturers are responding to the need. The number of deadlocks fitted as standard is increasing in the volume car market (thanks to Vauxhall) as well as in executive ranges, such as BMW.

Security companies are entering the arena too. Now, from a couple of makers, has emerged an electronically managed sensor and alarm system aimed specifically at car fleet security. One of those behind the new system is Securicor Alarms, part of the Securicor group.



John Deadman: alarm bells ringing

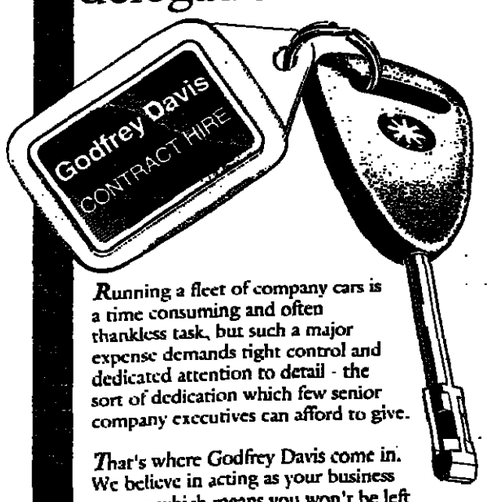
Securicor's system, called Auto-Alert, was originally developed for use on garage forecourts to protect their banks of cars readied for sale. It was seen as a sophisticated alternative to passive, mechanical deterrents such as clamps.

The system uses in-car sensors clipped to the steering wheel and is designed to protect any number of vehicles within a radius of about 400 metres. The sensors are sufficiently sensitive, it is claimed, to be able to distinguish between an accidental knock and criminal tampering. The system initially alerts a control centre and switches on perimeter floodlights. A second interference can activate on-site strobe lights and a siren. A full alarm will bring in floodlights intermittently flashing, plus a warning pre-recorded message pumped out just as an autodialler sends messages from pre-programmed telephone numbers. Most importantly, the system can be linked via video camera to the 24-hour Securicor monitoring system of company premises.

John Deadman, the Securicor Alarms managing director, admits: "You are not going to stop the thief who puts a sledgehammer through a vehicle window and hot-wires it in two minutes. Even so, the deterrent effect of this new system is still huge."

For private company cars, the problem remains. More alarms were fitted to cars last year than ever before, but car theft continues to rise. This raises the question of whether fleet owners should rely not so much on fitting sophisticated alarm systems to cars, but on getting employees to adopt their own precautionary measures, such as removing their radios and parking overnight in garages or areas of low risk.

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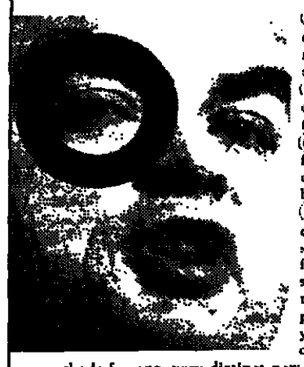
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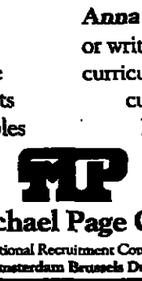
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Don't blame lawyers who take on giants

Richard Barr says that criticism of the admittedly huge costs of what have become known as 'multi-party cases' is misdirected. The blame, he claims, lies elsewhere

David McIntosh, in his article "When the only winners are the lawyers" (April 6), rightly draws attention to the huge cost of what have become known as "multi-party cases". He blames the the claimants' lawyers.

Mr McIntosh puts the arguments for the defendants, mainly big pharmaceutical companies, which he represents. Here is a claimants' lawyer's point of view:

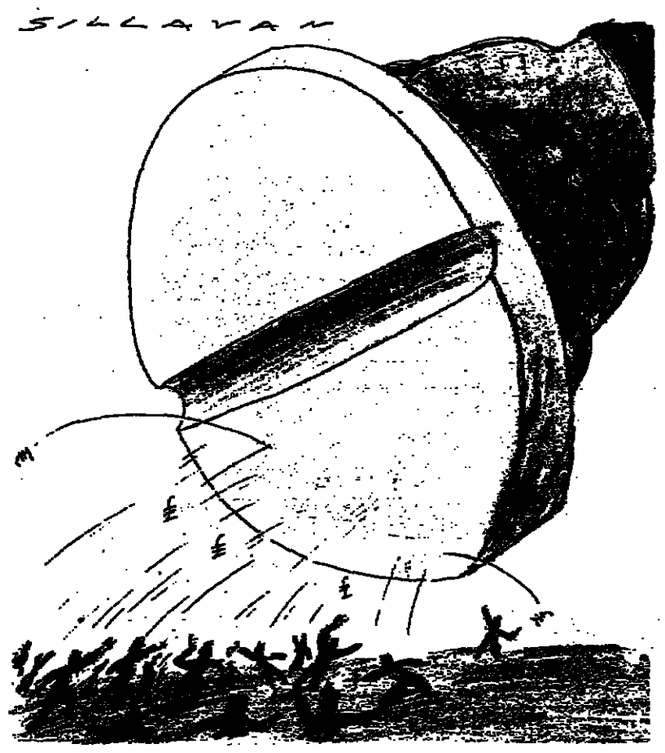
Take a typical Opren client — let us call her Mrs Bloggs — who was prescribed the anti-arthritis drug Opren. Now in her seventies or eighties, she suffers from arthritis, and probably other ailments. She took Opren between September 1980 and August 1982, when it was banned after several deaths and reports of side-effects.

At some stage during that time, or soon after, she went out in the sun and suffered a very unpleasant experience, which she later described as a feeling of "a million stinging nettles or "a million insect bites".

Mrs Bloggs reported this to her doctor who may or may not have made a note of her complaint. Doctors' notes are often inadequate documents. The whole clinical history of most patients may be summarised on cards little bigger than postcards.

If she was given medical advice at all, Mrs Bloggs was probably told that she should stay with the pills because the side-effects would be mild and transient. The doctor knew that because it was information given by the manufacturers.

So Mrs Bloggs went away. Her side-effects did not. To this day, she complains that when she goes into the sun, or even when near her cooker or in bed with her husband, she suffers an unpleasant reaction. The quality of her life, already diminished by arthritis, is now further impaired because she can never enjoy a sunny day.



At some time over the years, it registered with Mrs Bloggs that somebody might be at fault for this and that people were making claims. She had never been involved with courts before. It probably took her quite a while to pluck up the courage to contact anyone about making a claim. She is probably still battling for compensation.

Mr McIntosh distinguishes between the instant disasters, such as an air crash or a football stadium accident, and the so-called creeping disasters such as pharmaceutical or product liability claims.

He points out, correctly, that it is much harder to prove liability in the latter cases. He then asserts that there is no point in pursuing these cases unless claimants are likely to win enough compensation to make the entire group litigation worthwhile.

My firm's first "disaster" case concerned a family who lost their son when a door came off a DC-10 near Paris, causing the jet to crash. To have litigated that claim on our own would have involved detailed discovery of all the design documents of the plane's manufacturer, plus worksheets and other records.

It would have meant employing aeronautical engineers and other experts. It would have required, had the defendants insisted, proving that the cause of death was indeed impact with the ground at an excessive speed. And it would have cost a fortune. Common sense, as Mr McIntosh might put it, dictates that it would be absurd to make such a claim.

But is that so? Should I have told those grieving parents that they should not pursue their claim because the expense was not justified?

No lawyer with any fight would have told the clients to abandon the claim on those grounds. Is the Opren case of Mrs Bloggs any different? Levels of compensation in this country are not high, but comparing her case with, say, the damages awarded in dermatitis cases, she might receive up to £25,000, much more than a bereaved parent would be awarded.

What should the Mrs Bloggses of this world do and what should their solicitors recommend? Should we say: "Yes you seem to have a good case, but it will be too expensive to fight a pharmaceutical company — we therefore advise you not to bother"?

Common sense may dictate that it would be too costly to take on the case, but any sense of justice and fair play demands that she be given the opportunity to bring her claim, because if Mr McIntosh's arguments are taken to their logical conclusion, nobody should ever claim against a pharmaceutical company unless the potential damages are so overwhelmingly large that they far outweigh the costs. That approach would put such companies above the law and entitle them to injure our citizens with impunity.

What is the solution? If the defendants choose (as they are entitled), to defend the claims against them, the plaintiffs have to go through all the stages of proving their cases: confirming negligence, establishing causation and quantifying damage.

In the pharmaceutical cases, the approach has been to make all claimants produce their medical evidence (of causation and damage) as a precondition to joining the group action.

In the Benzodiazepine litigation, that has been a very costly exercise — perhaps £500 a head for each medical report; and that money and all the other preliminary costs is wasted if the report is a negative one.

In the Opren cases, we did much weeding-out before putting cases forward. My firm's total of 250 clients was reduced to fewer than 100 by the time medical reports and records had been obtained.

Yet even that is not cheap. There were cases that we thought were weak which turned out to be well-founded; and some of the cases we thought were good were not. Weeding-out has to be done, and if the cost of doing so is added to the burden of the litigation, it makes the exercise unwieldy. That is why some of us incur Mr McIntosh's displeasure by suggesting that the horse should go before the cart: it is quite common to have split trials, where liability is established first, and other matters are dealt with later.

Why should multi-party cases be treated differently? All cases are expensive, but if a way could be found to deal with the very problems raised by Mr McIntosh, namely the expense of proving negligence and liability, it would be very much easier to bring such cases to a conclusion.

If it is found that the manufacturers were not at fault, that is the end of the story, and the end of the claims. If, however, the finding is against the manufacturers, those who want to pursue their claims will know that they do not have to risk their all on the general issue of liability.

They would still have to establish the connection between their side-effects and the negligence — still a daunting task, but one over which genuine claimants should have no fears.

What objection can there be to this approach? If the pharmaceutical companies are right in their contentions that they are not liable, then they will be vindicated at an early stage. The costs may be large, but no larger than the costs of the exercise, which has hitherto always taken place and has not been effective in providing justice for anyone.

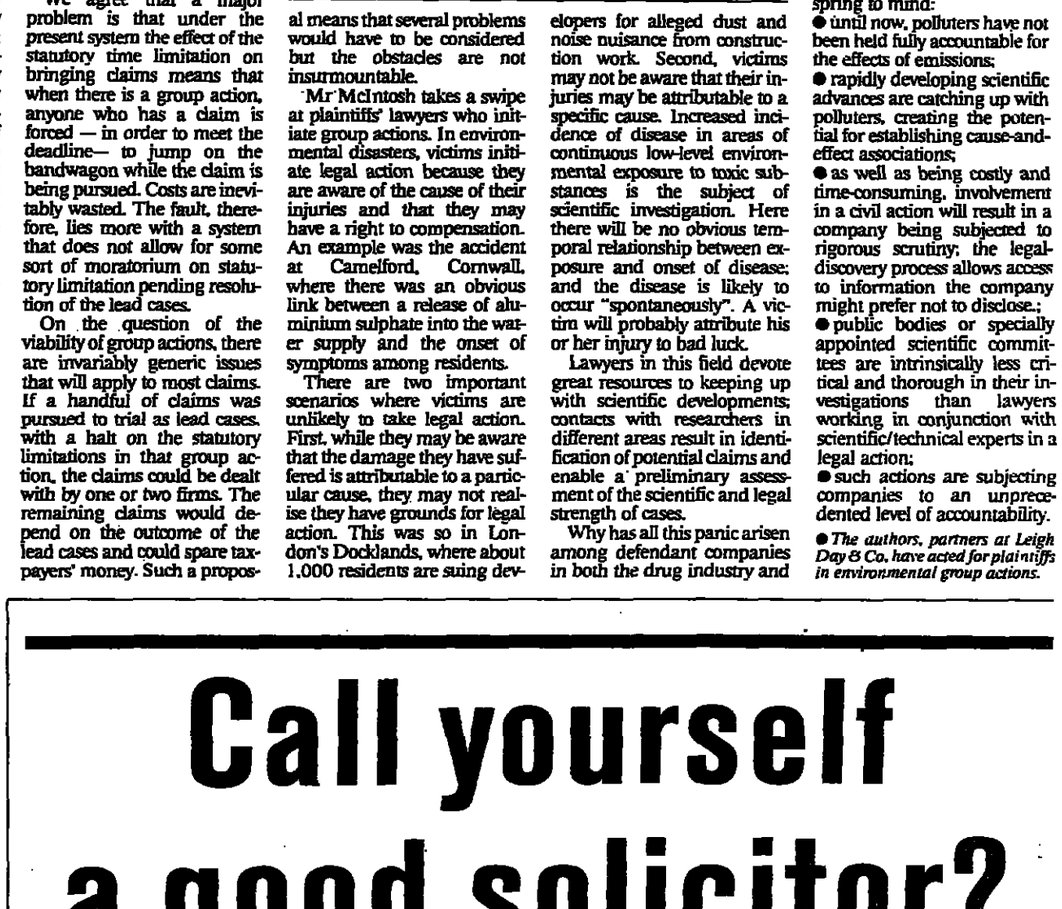
Costs will always be a problem in our legal system and ways should be found to minimise them. But in my own experience, much of the cost has been directly caused by defendants' solicitors.

When first asked to co-ordinate a group of Opren claimants, I invited the defendants' solicitors to agree to setting up a group, so that general work could be done on a batch basis. For more than a year, they refused to deal with the cases as a group, insisting that each case be individually pleaded.

The pharmaceutical companies can throw huge resources into fighting these cases, far more than the Legal Aid Board would ever allow. They employ expensive solicitors, who charge at two or three times the hourly rate paid by legal aid to the claimants' solicitors.

They are entitled to do this. They are entitled to make the claimants prove their claims every inch of the way. But the complaints they make about the costs are less convincing if it is realised that they are responsible for a large measure of them.

The English legal system exists to try issues between all parties. If Mr McIntosh has his way, most claims against manufacturers would never see the light of day. That is not a prospect I relish. Nor, I suspect, would he.



Canary Wharf barrier: local people claim that Docklands construction was a barrier to their leading normal lives

Richard Meeran and Martyn Day claim that solicitors can help the public to expose facts that big companies would rather keep secret

In his attack on developments in multi-party group actions, David McIntosh mainly discusses recent actions against drug companies. But the implications extend to group actions generally.

We agree that a major problem is that under the present system the effect of the statutory time limitation on bringing claims means that when there is a group action, anyone who has a claim is forced — in order to meet the deadline— to jump on the bandwagon while the claim is being pursued. Costs are inevitably wasted. The fault, therefore, lies more with a system that does not allow for some sort of moratorium on statutory limitation pending resolution of the lead cases.

On the question of the viability of group actions, there are invariably generic issues that will apply to most claims. If a handful of claims was pursued to trial as lead cases, with a halt on the statutory limitations in that group action, the claims could be dealt with by one or two firms. The remaining claims would depend on the outcome of the lead cases and could spare taxpayers' money. Such a proposal means that several problems would have to be considered but the obstacles are not insurmountable.

Mr McIntosh takes a swipe at plaintiffs' lawyers who initiate group actions. In environmental disasters, victims initiate legal action because they are aware of the cause of their injuries and that they may have a right to compensation. An example was the accident at Camelford, Cornwall, where there was an obvious link between a release of aluminium sulphate into the water supply and the onset of symptoms among residents.

There are two important scenarios where victims are unlikely to take legal action. First, while they may be aware that the damage they have suffered is attributable to a particular cause, they may not realise they have grounds for legal action. This was so in London's Docklands, where about 1,000 residents are suing developers for alleged dust and noise nuisance from construction work. Second, victims may not be aware that their injuries may be attributable to a specific cause. Increased incidence of disease in areas of continuous low-level environmental exposure to toxic substances is the subject of scientific investigation. Here there will be no obvious temporal relationship between exposure and onset of disease; and the disease is likely to occur "spontaneously". A victim will probably attribute his or her injury to bad luck.

Lawyers in this field devote great resources to keeping up with scientific developments; contacts with researchers in different areas result in identification of potential claims and enable a preliminary assessment of the scientific and legal strength of cases.

Why has all this panic arisen among defendant companies in both the drug industry and environmental pollution? Why have they been making great representations to the Legal Aid Board that plaintiffs should not be granted legal aid even to investigate claims? Is it out of concern for the public purse? Other reasons spring to mind:

- until now, polluters have not been held fully accountable for the effects of emissions;
- rapidly developing scientific advances are catching up with polluters, creating the potential for establishing cause-and-effect associations;
- as well as being costly and time-consuming, involvement in a civil action will result in a company being subjected to rigorous scrutiny; the legal-discovery process allows access to information the company might prefer not to disclose.;
- public bodies or specially appointed scientific committees are intrinsically less critical and thorough in their investigations than lawyers working in conjunction with scientific/technical experts in a legal action;
- such actions are subjecting companies to an unprecedented level of accountability.

● The authors, partners at Leigh Day & Co, have acted for plaintiffs in environmental group actions.

Catching the young

THE Attorney-General threw his backing last week behind a new venture to boost the teaching of law in schools to children as young as 11 as part of a drive to stop juvenile crime and lawlessness.

Sir Nicholas Lyell QC said that if children could be made to realise the point of law in society, the likelihood of their getting out of a "vicious circle" into a virtuous circle" was "greatly enhanced." Sir Nicholas was speaking in London at the launch of new teaching materials for 11 to 14-year-olds, designed by the Citizenship Foundation with National Curriculum Council and Law Society help.

The project follows the success of the earlier "law in education" venture for upper secondary pupils, aged 14 to 16. The next stage is to develop materials for five to seven-year-olds.

Who me, Mafia?

BRITISH farmers are cowering under the shadow of Big Brother. In an attempt to fight subsidy fraud, the EC is introducing the integrated administration and control system — a name that would appeal to George Orwell.

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is forcing farmers to submit forms detailing their farming operations, field by field. Italian farmers will have to answer an extra question: if their income exceeds £20,000, they have to declare that they have no Mafia links.

Pressing action

GREAT excitment all round. Just to make sure that the press was ready for it, the Law Commission has sent journalists a press release saying that it is about to issue a press release. It is publishing its second consultation paper in its series on mentally incapacitated adults on April 28.

Perhaps public relations companies should adopt this novel approach to generating press interest.

Bar code

ARE THE relatively recent rules allowing foreign clients to go to barristers without first going through a solicitor finally making an impact?

Steven Berrick, of 2 Paper Buildings, Temple, who has built up expertise in entertainment and sports law, has been appointed an arbitrator for the American Film Marketing Association to resolve film disputes — a post that previously might well have gone to a solicitor.

Child rights

WHAT does a solicitor do when a child client gives instructions that conflict with those given by the child's guardian *ad litem* (an adult appointed for litigation)?

The representation in care proceedings of children aged eight upwards is the subject of a Sussex University research project by Don Clark, himself a guardian *ad litem* and a Children Panel interviewer.

Children in care proceedings are always represented by both a solicitor and a guardian — but little is known about how the two professionals work together in practice and how they each relate to their child client. The project, which will be based at three family proceedings courts in the South East, has the approval of the Lord Chancellor's Department, the National Children's Bureau and a number of other bodies.

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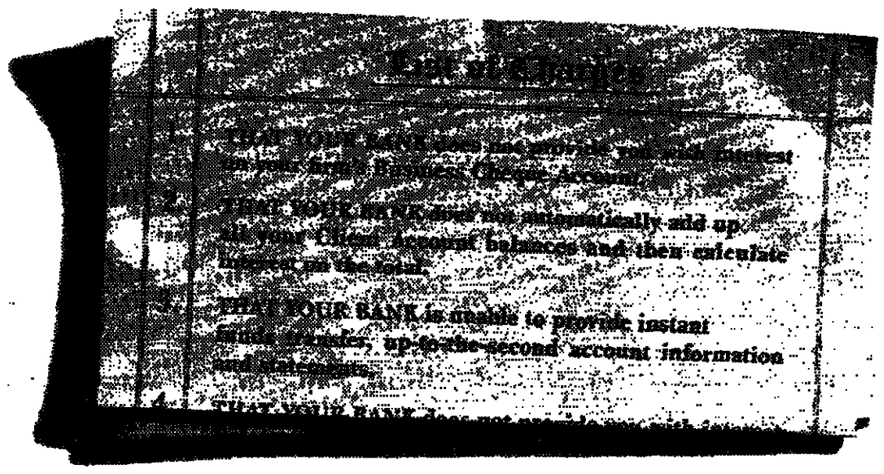
THIS week is the crucial one for all those in the Law Society council with an eye on the presidency, although it no longer carries an automatic knighthood. In secret session akin to a pope's election, the council's 70 or so members will decide who should be next junior vice-president. Holders of this post progress automatically to vice-president and finally president. Last year's shortlisted candidates were John Aucott, Tony Girling, Henry Hodge and John Young.

Waiting game

WHILE the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development squirms over relevations about its spending policies, the Law Society may be getting its own European Community handout for projects in Eastern Europe. It expects to hear today whether its application for a £60,000 grant to run training courses for law students in the region has succeeded.

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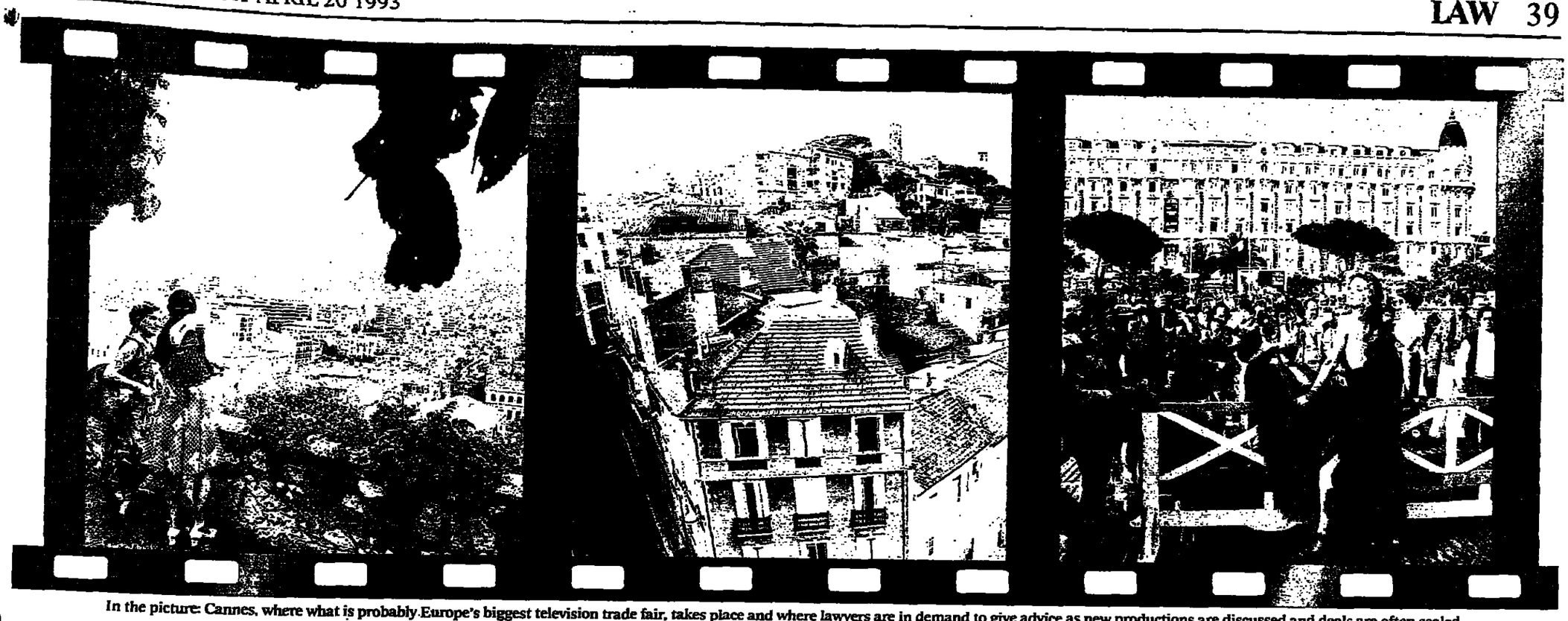
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In the picture: Cannes, where what is probably Europe's biggest television trade fair, takes place and where lawyers are in demand to give advice as new productions are discussed and deals are often sealed

Today Cannes, tomorrow British television

Lawyers are increasingly finding that there is money to be made in the south of France. Edward Fennell puts on his smartest sunglasses and slips among the deal-makers

Over the past few days, the smart place to have been if you are a lawyer involved in the television industry is Cannes. MIP-TV, probably Europe's biggest TV trade fair, is just coming to an end and producers and broadcasters worldwide have been doing the deals for shows that will end up on British television screens over the next year.

In many cases, the companies will have taken their lawyers with them. MIP-TV may be a little short on the razzmatazz of the Cannes Film Festival, but it is a place where business gets done. And that means heavy negotiation sessions, with lawyers on hand to fine-tune the details so that the media moguls can go away with signed contracts in their briefcases.

Stephen Edwards, a partner in the media and entertainment department of Richards Butler, was in Cannes from Friday to Sunday to act for several production companies from Britain and overseas. In addition to advising his clients, however, he was networking his way across an industry which is increasingly resembling the film business in its complexity and financing.

Lawyers are fast latching onto these changes. Some of the leading City firms, such as Denton Hall, Richards Butler and Cameron Markby Hewitt, are busily combining their entertainment and banking skills to present a package that comprehensively meets the needs of clients. Smaller law firms, especially the niche television practices, may start to feel the lack of the financial expertise that is now in demand.

The reason for this change is the series of technological and legislative advances which have swept the television industry in recent years. For the UK, of course, the major development was the compulsory opening-up of the BBC to independent producers. However, other initiatives now afoot could see a further transformation of the way the industry works in this country.

Most significantly, perhaps, was the publication of a Monopolies & Mergers Commission report just before Easter on Channel 3 networking arrangements. The report focused on the extent to which the "competition test" in the Broadcasting Act 1990 is being satisfied.



Networking: Stephen Edwards



Introductions: Medwyn Jones



Starring role: Bob Hoskins

While lawyers are now arguing about the implications of the report there are many who believe that it will lead to a further liberating of independent producers. Rather than having to sell all their rights in a production, they may be able to retain some in return for taking part of the financial risk.

If this goes through, banks and funds are likely to become more active in helping finance television productions that can then be sold to the worldwide market. In other words, they could start to invest in television production in the same way as they already invest in films, although obviously the risk in television productions is lower than in cinema.

Already, law firms are starting to act as match-makers in trying to marry bankers to independent British television producers. In what could turn out to be a landmark event, Cameron Markby Hewitt organised a "production and finance" forum in February, which brought together some of the largest members of Pact, the independent producers association, and City financiers interested in becoming involved in the television industry.

"The aim of the forum was to introduce people with common interests but who do not usually move in the same circles," said Medwyn Jones, a Cameron Markby Hewitt partner.

"For example, independent producers who are normally funded entirely by Channel 4 or the BBC just wouldn't have had a need in the past to speak very much with City bankers. However, with a new regime coming, they may well want to in the future."

Already one production, *Big Freeze*, with Eric Sykes and Bob Hoskins, has been spawned from a meeting at the forum and Mr Jones is confident that many more will follow it.

The big question now is how far and fast British television producers will become commercialised. Despite the number of production companies now operating, many exist almost as BBC or ITV satellites rather than as truly entrepreneurial business.

Lawyers such as Medwyn Jones and Stephen Edwards are helping to change the culture. However, success in converting creative people, reared largely in the corporate broadcasting organisations, to full-blooded business executives may be a slow process.

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The offer of equity partnership is not as unequivocally alluring as it used to be. Too many cautionary tales are now circulating among solicitors about the adverse effect of the recession on equity partners, including those in some of the best-known firms. Partners of large City firms, it is said, are being called upon to make substantial capital contributions. In firms of all sizes, partners are unable to escape their collective liability for heavy rents on half-empty offices. Their earnings in many cases have fallen below those of senior Assistant Solicitors in the same firm. For the first time since the 1930s, the downside of partnership status is as visible as the upside.

Not surprisingly, we now come across partners who are voluntarily abandoning equity partnership status. Financial considerations are not the only reasons. They also wish to return to a purely legal role where they can get on with the job they were trained to do, free from management responsibilities and the hassle of winning new clients.

It would be wrong to suggest, however, that partnership status is no longer appealing. It remains the goal of most solicitors, and to achieve it many are prepared to take an actual cut in their salary. A recent candidate, for instance, earning £60,000 as an Assistant Solicitor moved to a smaller firm offering prospects of partnership and accepted a salary of around £50,000. She was also offered a position in industry at a salary of nearly £70,000, which she declined. The lure of a partnership, or just the prospect of one, can still prove decisive.

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NatWest offers a guide for survivors

BY RODNEY HOBSON

NATIONAL Westminster Bank has moved to strengthen its hold on the small business market by producing a guide to consolidating and expanding year-old companies.

Despite the ravages of recession on the sector, NatWest has spent more than 12 months researching and compiling its guide for survivors. The book complements the existing highly successful guide for start-ups issued free to 500,000 would-be entrepreneurs last year.

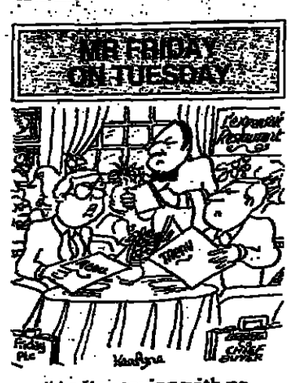
Jane Bradford, head of small business at the bank, said: "Nearly 400,000 small businesses were established last year and we think a similar number will be set up this year."

NatWest has campaigned hard for leadership of the market and has about 29 per cent of small business accounts. The guide, compiled with the help of Durham University Business School, has been awarded the Crystal Mark for clarity by the Plain English Campaign and NatWest believes it has stolen a march on bank competitors by pitching at businesss up to 18 months old in addition to start-ups.

Mrs Bradford said: "We planned the guide when we discovered that demand for the start-up guide was coming from existing companies. We had to condense the information into 100 pages because we know that small business owners work 75 hours a week and do not have time to look through a huge compendium. We did not want it to be like a text book developed by academics.

"We want to help small business owners to feel they are still in control. It is only too easy for them to feel that everyone else is in control."

Intitially, 100,000 copies of the free guide, *Making the Most of Your Business*, have been printed. That will allow for an early update in the light of response from bank customers. Copies will be issued to existing NatWest customers in the course of normal contact with branch managers or small business advisers.



"As I'm paying with no certainty of a contract, I'll just have a boiled egg"

Two find profit underfoot

BY JESSICA GORST-WILLIAMS

DESIGNING and marketing doormats at up to £45 each might not be everybody's idea of a business plan. But Phillipa Turnbull and Sally Milverton decided in 1991 that doormats hand-stencilled with animal motifs, in black, bottle green and burgundy, held promise.

So it has proved. Two years on, their firm, Happy Mats, is exporting to much of Europe and to America. Its turnover is edging up to £50,000 a year and it employs seven people part-time.

At the root of its progress is a fruitful business partnership between two married women, both with young children. One lives in Durham, the other in North Yorkshire. They met only two years ago.

The fact that their relationship works so well, they attribute to their different positions in big families. Mrs Turnbull says she is "a total show-off, a typical second-to-youngest child in a large family". She does the selling and the marketing.

The success of the business is down to her partner, she says. "Sally is the third of eight children. She likes responsibility." Mrs Milverton does the production and design.

Horses are also part of the picture. Both have worked with them. "With horses, you learn to work terribly hard," Mrs Turnbull says. "When breaking them in, you have to stick at it. Handling them means you learn tact, and you certainly need that in business."

JUSTIN SLEE



Happy matters: Phillipa Turnbull, left, and Sally Milverton have built up a £50,000 turnover

She had worked as a travelling agent, selling products, and got the idea of the doormats from Victorian silhouettes, intrigued by "the clever way they manage to convey the character of a person".

Then came a chance meeting with Mrs Milverton at a charity fair in January 1991. It was the day before Mrs Milverton's third baby was due. "She was selling table cloths in lovely bright colours," Mrs Turnbull recalls. "They were totally original." Mrs Milverton invented a new dye for the stencilling. They also developed their own stencilling technique, using a metal stencil made by a local blacksmith. They found a craftsman who could supply hand-made mats of any size, suitable for stencilling, but have also imported mats from India.

They arranged a £500 loan with a local branch of Barclays and Mrs Turnbull talked to retailers she knew — "people who I knew paid their bills". In their first nine months, about 2,500 mats were sold, yielding revenue of £15,369.35p. Encouraged by this, they took a pitch at last year's Country Living fair, in London. The mats were snapped up.

A buyer from Conran, the London store, put in an order and when the company opened a Paris outlet, the mats went there too. Conran in Paris sold out three times before Christmas.

BRIEFINGS

THERE are about 200,000 potential business angels in Britain, with about £2 billion among them to invest, according to the Economic and Social Research Council. Many of them are former business owners and senior managers seeking investment potential and interesting new jobs. Charles Russam, the managing director of GMS Consultancy, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, said: "The former business owners are often people of some substance." GMS is co-organising a conference in its locality on the role of business angels. Mr Russam said: "They are mainly successful younger people who have sold their companies and are looking for something else. This is the best sort of business angel. He or she has done it before and is happy to do it again."

☐ A survey of 5,627 businesses carried out by Thomson Directories found that 22 per cent failed to answer their telephones. Another 12 per cent of calls were answered by machines and the 3 per cent of those who did answer calls personally took at least nine rings to respond. John Kemp, sales and marketing director for Thomson Directories, said: "Considering there has been a 47 per cent increase in the failure of small businesses in the past year, the figures suggest that there should be a much greater effort to answer telephone calls in a helpful and efficient manner to try to convert calls into business."

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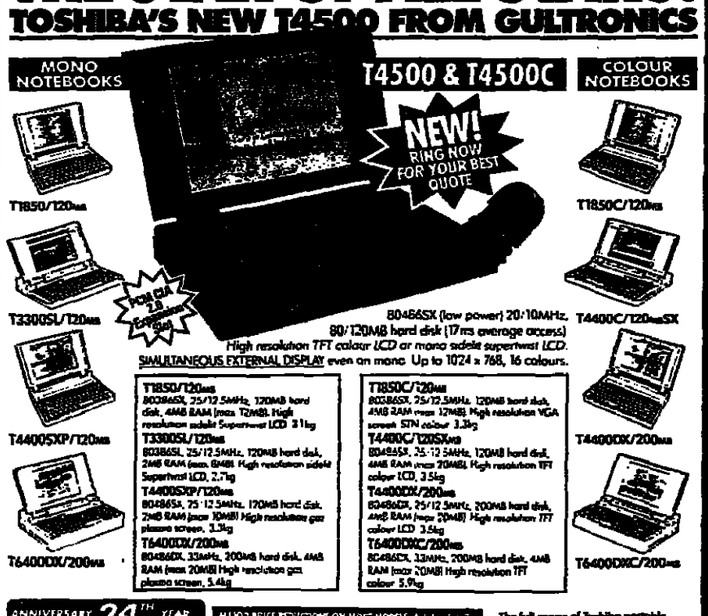
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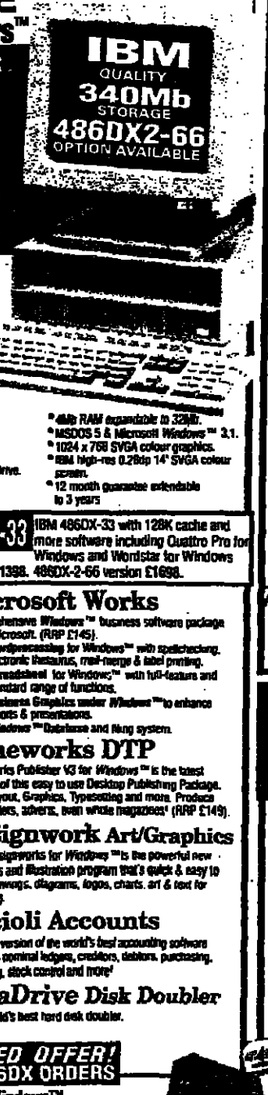
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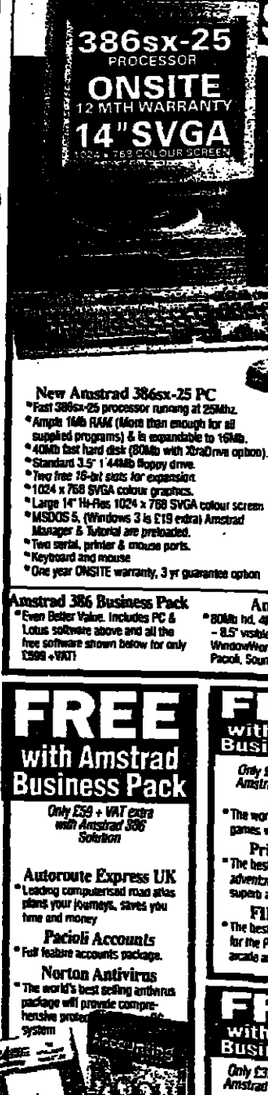
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Elizabeth Bell plays a woman sent to England while her family went to death in the Holocaust

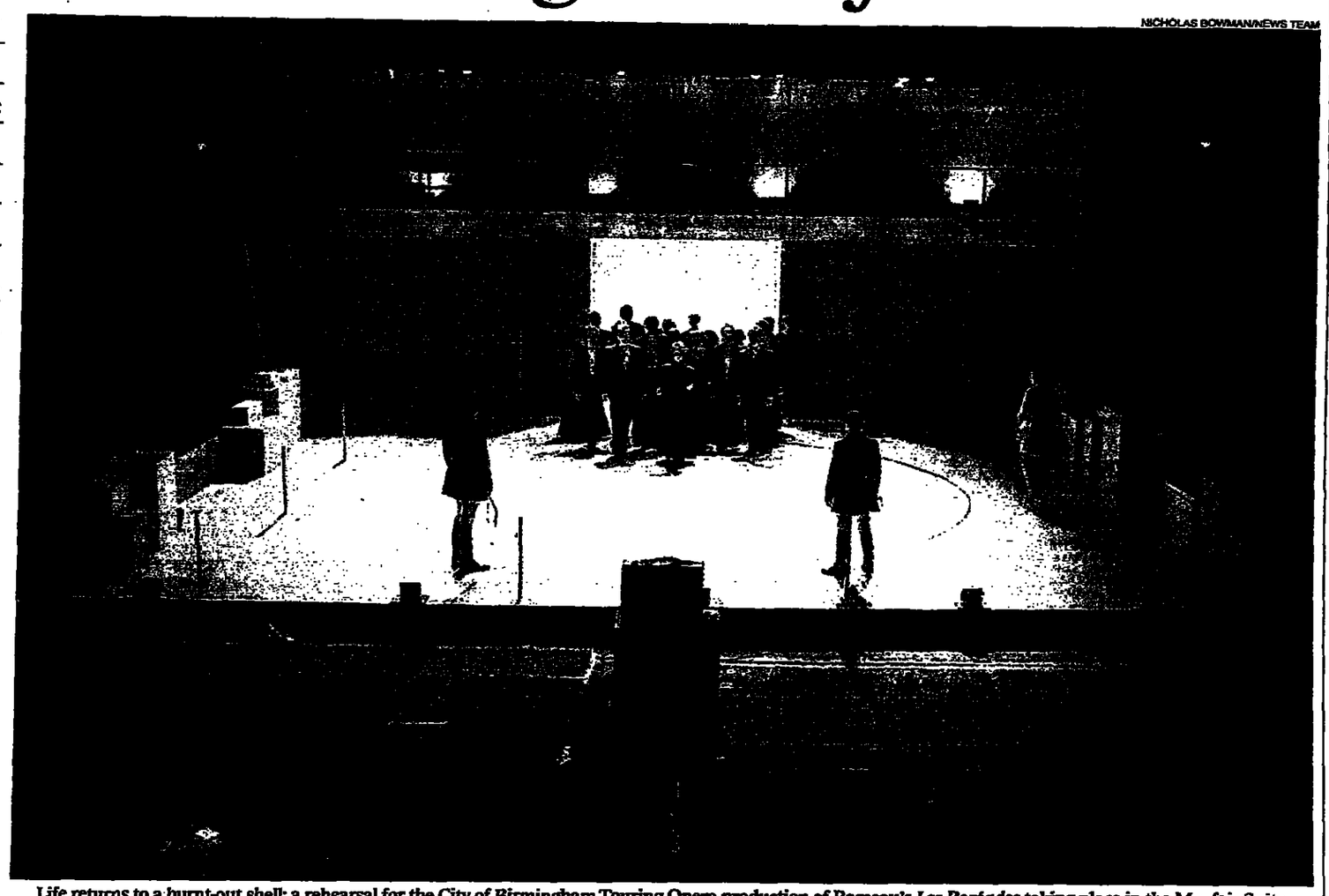
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Twin derelicts grandly revived

An 18th-century opera-ballet is bringing new life to an old dance hall, as **Richard Morrison** writes



NICHOLAS BOWMAN/NEWS TEAM

Life returns to a burnt-out shell: a rehearsal for the City of Birmingham Touring Opera production of Rameau's *Les Boréades* taking place in the Mayfair Suite

I will let you into two secrets. Or rather, City of Birmingham Touring Opera will. The first is this: deep in the concrete bowels of downtown Birmingham, all but forgotten until a year ago, lies a wonderful performance space. Wonderful, you understand, because of its sheer awfulness. It is burnt-out, vandalised, stripped of all comforts — nothing but a vast derelict shell.

Of course, that very starkness tickles the theatrical fancy. Consider how the disused train and tram sheds of London and Glasgow have sent the likes of Peter Brook into transports of delight. But the Roundhouse and Tramway are palaces compared with the Mayfair Suite in Birmingham.

Once, the Mayfair was a ballroom, the best in Brum. Think Joe Loss, think sequins, think cha-cha-chas and the firm's annual dinner-dance. The place had a political history, too. Enoch Powell delivered his "river of blood" speech from the top table in the Mayfair.

But one dark night in 1979 a mysterious fire swept through the ballroom. By then, to be frank, the allure of Joe Loss and sequins was on the wane. The smouldering Mayfair was deemed unnecessary; it was locked up and forgotten. Its "majestic entrance lobby" (I quote a Brummie wearing rose-tinted spectacles) was converted into a shop. And every day since, thousands have walked through the Bull Ring shopping centre quite unaware of this cavernous space hidden behind an unpromising and unmarked door.

That is the first secret. The second is much older. In 1763 Jean-Philippe Rameau wrote a magnificent opera-ballet, *Les Boréades*. It was the last dramatic work from the 80-year-old French composer, who died the next year. Yet it was never performed, for reasons too murky to be deciphered today.

Was Rameau, a cantankerous genius with few friends, on the wrong end of a political intrigue at the faction-crazy French court? It would not have been the first time. Was the allegorical story too hot to handle? After all, those were nervous times for blue-bloods, and in *Les Boréades* the malign "north winds" of the title, which rule the country of Bactria, are defied in a way that could be interpreted as dangerously subversive. Or did the sheer difficulty of Rameau's musical demands cause cold feet?

Whatever the reason, the masterpiece lay unperformed for 200 years. John Eliot Gardiner revived it in concert form in the 1970s, and it was staged in France ten years ago. But until this week there has never been a professional British production.

By now you may have deduced the delicious incongruity towards which this article is lurching. Only madmen or geniuses would dream of putting on an unknown 18th-century opera in a burnt-out ballroom in the middle of the Birmingham Bull Ring. Which brings us to City of Birmingham Touring Opera. Its staging of *Les Boréades*, replete with more than 50 singers, dancers and period-instrument players, opens in the Mayfair tomorrow. "We exist to make events happen that nobody else can," says Graham Vick, CBTO's artistic director. "I suppose," he concedes, "that this is an extreme example of that aim."

Vick is a hot property on the jet-set opera circuit, but he never seems happier than when directing his own CBTO. And he has done this sort of inspired lunacy before. After all, CBTO was the company that "edited" Wagner's *Ring* down to two nights and an orchestra of 20, and toured it round the sports halls of middle England. Whisper it not in Bayreuth, but some Wagnerians preferred it that way.

Vick and his musical director, Simon Halsey, have been talking about doing *Boréades* for six years. "I was keen not to present it in normal theatrical surroundings," says Vick, "partly because the piece is very anarchic. But I was also attracted to the Mayfair because it's a big empty space in the city centre. We perform in city centres when we tour outside Birmingham, but in our home town we often have to go into the suburbs. When we get our new theatre, which I can't talk about yet, it will be right in the heart of Birmingham."

One reason why *Boréades* was neglected so long, suggests Halsey, is fright. "You open the score, look at all that baroque ornamentation on the first page, and think 'there *must* be easier things to put on'."

"Yet," points out Vick, "there are wonderfully hummable tunes in the opera: catchy show-tunes you think you have known all your life. And nothing is allowed to go on too long. It's obviously written for an audience with a short attention span. Ideal for today!"

How did CBTO hear about the Mayfair? Richard Cooke provides the answer. He is the Bull Ring's manager, a civil engineer who seems agreeably startled to find himself *in loco parentis* to an opera company. "About this time last year the Birmingham Hippodrome advertised for rehearsal space," he says. "We showed them the Mayfair, which was then very dark, dirty and covered in rubbish. They said no to rehearsals there, but then told me that they were looking for a derelict building site on which to perform a community opera. The Mayfair was ideal."

> 'Baroque opera staged in a Sixties ballroom is an unrepeatable offer'

After a summer of frantic cleansing, the community opera happened last autumn. The CBTO will be the first professional cast to use it, but later this month Midland Arts Centre is mounting a opera double-bill there, and Cooke has high hopes of putting a "major exhibition" in the Mayfair from July to Christmas, as well as other bookings. "It's ideal for parties and wedding receptions," he says. Optimistic chap, Cooke.

So has Birmingham stumbled upon the performance space of the future? It seems not. The Mayfair may have risen from the ashes, but its after-life is destined to be short. Along with the rest of the Bull Ring, it will be demolished by its owners, London and Edinburgh Trust, in four years' time to make way for a big new development that is promised to be easier on the eye.

Hard to believe that anybody would mourn the passing of this ghastly concrete monster. Yet there has been a shrill protest campaign, culminating in a recent public enquiry. The result was an unequivocal thumbs-down for the present Bull Ring. "The inspector said quite categorically that he finds the buildings disgusting," says Cooke. "They have passed their sell-by date. Our new plan involves 200 shops, a bus station, offices and a new market. And if we can squeeze the odd theatre in, we will."

That broad hint is good news for CBTO, which has a record of operatic innovation second to none. But I hope that if Vick and company do get a permanent home, they will not give up doing mad things in weird places. Meanwhile, the chance to see a French baroque opera staged in a derelict Sixties ballroom is, as the Bull Ring shopkeepers might say, an unrepeatable offer. Hurry while stocks last.

● *Les Boréades will be performed tomorrow, Thursday and Saturday at the Mayfair (tickets: 021-236 2392). The production then tours to City Hall, Salisbury (April 27), Warwick University (April 30), Nottingham Playhouse (May 7) and Brighton Festival (May 11, 12).*

RADIO

House calls

An inflated pig's bladder on a stick, one might think, is a more arresting description of a fellow MP than a shrugged "unfit for office". But Peter Hill, looking back over 15 years of sound broadcasting from the Commons, *Echoes in the Chamber* (Radio 4) and starting yesterday with "Part I: Oratory and Invective", seems to have found David Owen's shrug (directed at defence secretary John Nott) worthy of inclusion, overlooking Labour's Tony Banks and his description of Tory Terry Dicks. I'd have found a place for it — as, indeed, for Dicks's tirade against "heritage" as "fat Italians in tights singing with falsetto voices".

I'd have included a working-class rant against the rich from Derbyshire's Dennis Skinner, a bourgeois rant against scroungers from Hatfield's David Evans, and a militant rant against the whole world from Dave Nellist. But with one minute for each of 15 years, Hill found time for no backbenchers.

Still, he dug up some front bench gems. Oratory, to achieve its affect, needs longer bursts than Hill could allow, and only the ancient Michael Foot produced sound bites with a modern dazzle. Far and away the most powerful oratory choice was not oratory at all — Geoffrey Howe, even when resigning, was the antithesis of oratory, yet stunning.

"The task has become futile, of trying to stretch the meaning of words beyond what was credible, trying to pretend there was a common policy when every step forward risked being subverted by some casual comment or impulsive answer."

You could almost hear Mrs Thatcher sucking her teeth. You could almost hear Nigel Lawson grinding his, as Ted Heath amiably remarked "The reason I say he's wise is that he has got himself and the country into a position in which he doesn't know what to do, and has wisely resolved to do nothing." Each of us has our favourites. There are so many: 15 years have raced past since that 1978 broadcasting breakthrough — for radio *was* the breakthrough: television is the trimmings. Only last week, listening to reactions in the chamber to events in Bosnia, I was struck by the way live broadcasting has become a fact MPs were now living with. Not just their words but their tones, their facial expressions, would be conveyed to voters — alongside images of the very horrors they were commenting on. When you see that microphone in front of you, and catch the glint of that lens, you just don't say things like "A far-away country of which we know little".

Broadcasting, they say, has brought the Commons Chamber into the nation's sitting rooms. Maybe. But it has also brought the nation's sitting rooms into the Commons Chamber.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Americans are discovering a new Churchill

Holly Hill reports that New York is rising to a British playwright

For three successive seasons, Caryl Churchill has been the most consistently acclaimed and popular foreign playwright Off Broadway. Churchill has had fringe productions which have won awards and moved to runs in larger theatres, and is currently represented by superb new stagings.

The New York Theatre Workshop has mounted two early Churchill works, originally staged at the Royal Court — her first produced play, *Owners* (1972) and *Traps* (1977) — in repertory, with the same company of actors. *Owners* director Mark Wing-Davey won a 1992 Obie Award (the Off-Broadway equivalent of the Tony) for his NYTW staging of *Mad Forest*, which moved to the Manhattan Theatre Club for a run last autumn.

Lisa Peterson, 1991 Obie-winner for her NYTW mounting of *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire*, and at 32 the rising star among American women directors, has staged *Traps*. Both productions are superb.

Churchill may have been writing about London in the Seventies in *Owners*, but 20 years on her story of a greedy female real-estate tycoon is an illustration of *plus ça change*. Americans can easily think of the case of the jailed tax-evading hotel queen Leona Helmsley, as well as Wall Street and banking moguls, to connect immediately with Churchill's characters.

Wing-Davey's production of *Owners* has a dynamo quality perfectly suited to the manic drives of tycoon Marion and the characters who fall into her orbit. On Derek McLane's ingenious set, sides of meat and parts of buildings zing on and off as if obeying the commands of an unseen, irritable construction boss. The actors play with the life-or-death commitment that makes their Ortonesque behaviour grimly funny, and also gives the characters a reality that makes them appear uncomfortably familiar.

By contrast, Peterson has imbued *Traps* with a sense of stillness, a magical evocation of the mixed time scheme of the play. Derek McLane's set is of a huge room with walls that look as if the six members of the commune could afford only one coat of paint.

In the act which is set in the country, crickets chirp and sun streams through tall windows (Christopher Akerlind's lighting is sculpturally powerful in both plays), but inside the characters exist in a nearly airless dimension, however prosaic their actions. The sequence of each of them stripping and bathing and then sharing a meal ends the play in a mood of poignant innocence.

Watching the single company give virtuoso performances in each play in turn contributes to the most satisfying event of the New York theatre season since Mnouchkine's *Les Atrides* in October. These productions of *Owners* and *Traps* can only add to New Yorkers' eagerness to see more by Churchill.



Lynn Hawley and Tim Hopper in *Owners*: life-or-death commitment makes their behaviour grimly funny

Out of the sun and into Jutland

ARTS BRIEFING

MOVE over, Olivier and Mel Gibson. The next screen Hamlet will be Christian Bale, the young British lad who made his debut in Spielberg's film of *Empire of the Sun*. But this Hamlet is different. His name is Amled, and his doings stem from a chapter of the *Denmark Chronicle*, a 12th-century survey by the historian Saxo Grammaticus. Shakespeare turned the story into his most famous tragedy; now the veteran Danish director Gabriel Axel, best known for his film *Babette's Feast*, is transforming the material into *Prince of Jutland*. Gabriel Byrne has been cast as the equivalent of Claudius; Helen Mirren will take the Gertrude role. Shooting began last week on Danish locations.

Personal pieces

SOME remarkable Impressionist works will be auctioned in June, when a collection going back to the great days of Renoir and Degas is broken up. The collection was formed by the Durand-Ruel family, the Paris dealers. Paul Durand-Ruel met Monet and Pissarro in London in 1870, and soon became friend and dealer to most of the Impressionists.

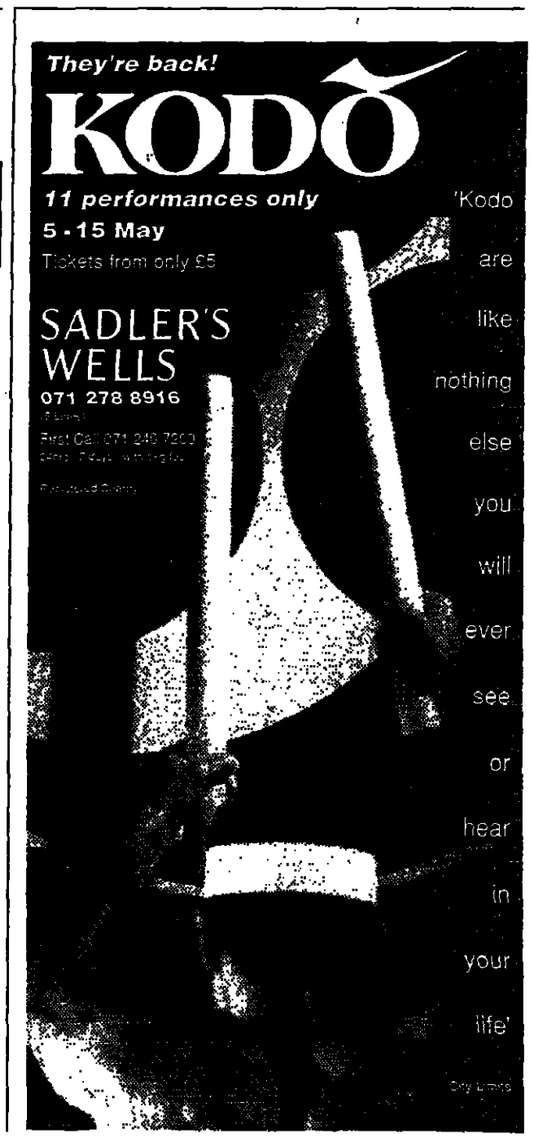
The Sotheby's sale in London on June 22 and 23 will include several Renoir portraits, including an exquisite *Young Woman in a Black Hat*, and a pastel of Paul's grand-daughter Marie-Louise when she was a baby. There is also a fan-shaped gouache on silk, *Siesta in the Field*, painted by Pissarro as a wedding present for Paul's daughter, Jeanne. Drawings by Monet and Degas are also in the sale.

● THE actress Billie Whitelaw is to become Reading University's first Annenberg/Beckett fellow. The chair is appropriate: Reading is home to the Beckett International Foundation which looks after many of Samuel Beckett's original manuscripts, while Whitelaw had a long association with the playwright. *Footfalls* was written for her in 1976.

She will be in residence at Reading for a week from May 3, running workshops and performing a one-woman show, *An Informal Evening with Samuel Beckett*.

Last chance . . .

STING returns to the Albert Hall, London (071-589 8212) tomorrow and Thursday to play the shows which were postponed when he contracted laryngitis last month. Sales of his new album, *Ten Summoner's Tales*, are already proving much stronger than those of its gloomy predecessor, *The Soul Cages*, and this latest show reflects Sting's more buoyant frame of mind — featuring most of the new songs, old favourites and a couple of Beatles covers.



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

JENUFA: Yuri Lyubimov returns to the Royal Opera company to revive his production of Janáček's grim tale. David Atherton conducts a strong cast that includes Nancy Gustafson in the title role.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight, Thurs, 7.30pm

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR: The president of the Royal Academy, Roger de Grey, is 75 this year. To celebrate the occasion there is a show of his series of paintings, *Interior/Exterior*, inspired by his studio and the orchard outside.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10-11am, 4-6pm, opens today until June 6.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating at the Hayward Gallery brings together a retrospective of Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), close associate of Steiglitz, leading figure of the American avant-garde, and haunting painter of large flower pictures and desert scenes from the southwest, and James Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light. For this show Turrell has created three new installations. The O'Keeffe is the first important show outside America.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until June 27

THE TREATMENT: Jacqueline Defferary plays the distressed wife in Martin Crimp's new play who comes to mistrust the couple (Sheila Gish, Larry Pine) who want to film her story.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Opens tonight, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm.

DON'T FOOL WITH LOVE/THE BLIND MEN: Cheek by Jowl present Alfred de Musset's tempestuous love-triangle, preceded by a neat curtain-raiser by Ghelderode.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Joseph Joachim's rarely performed orchestration of Schubert's *Grand Duo* is flanked by Nicholas Maw's *Spring Music* and Sibelius's Violin Concerto (with Anne-Sophie Mutter as the soloist) in a programme conducted by the young Austrian Franz Welser-Möst. (The concert is repeated tomorrow.)
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

NASH ENSEMBLE: The Nash's innovative series of concerts commemorating great occasions in the history of London's favourite classical music venue, the Wigmore Hall, ends with a recreation of a concert that took place at the Wigmore (then Bechstein Hall) on October 15, 1913. The group performs sonatas, trios and solos by Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Bach and Brahms.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

BANGOR: Cardiff's Sherman Theatre Company are on a tour of England and Wales with its celebrated production of **Under Milk Wood**, Dylan Thomas's timeless evocation of life, love and dreams of poison in Llareggub.
Theatr Gwynedd, Deiniol Road (0248 351708). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 10am.

HARLOW: Crewe-based Century Theatre's production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** isn't a sparkling new interpretation of Shakespeare but is a satisfying and accomplished first production from the newly appointed artistic director, Stephen Unwin.
Playhouse, The High (0279 431945). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Thurs, 1.30pm, Sat, 3pm

DERBY: **Recent British Sculpture** draws from purchases of the Arts Council over the last 11 years. This South Bank touring show celebrates the achievements of the generation of sculptors who came to international prominence during the 1980s such as Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon, Antony Gormley, Alison Wilding and Bill Woodrow. Also included are younger artists such as Anish Kapoor and Cathy de Monchaux.
Derby Museum & Art Gallery, Strand (0332 255586). Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Mon, 11am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm.

BATH: One of the great partnerships in British ballet is reunited in Gillian Lynne's *A Simple Man* when Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour take on the roles of the artist L.S. Lowry and his mother (tonight, tomorrow). The ballet, based on Lowry's life, has been one of the most successful in Northern Ballet Theatre's history. Two new ballets share the bill: Derek William's jazzy *Extenzion*, and *D'Ensemble* by Graham Lustig.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 448844). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

SCARBOROUGH: This year's main production is Ayckbourn's revival of his marvellously clever trilogy **The Norman Conquests**. The plays can be seen in any order. **Table Manners** previews from Wednesday (7.30pm), **Living Together** from April 28 (7.30pm), and **Round and Round the Garden** from May 12 (7.30pm). All three open in late May and continue in repertoire.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723 370541). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, mats (from May 22) Sat, 3pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

□ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

◪ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins

□ **HAY FEVER**: Maria Aitken and John Standing give their final performances in Coward's comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Final week.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

■ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 115mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Previewing eves, 7.45pm; opens May 4, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **MISERY**: Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins

◪ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: *Theatre Royal, Drury Lane* (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **BODY OF EVIDENCE** (18): Predatory murder suspect Madonna hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival *Basic Instinct*. Director, Uli Edel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

DUST DEVIL (18): Hitch-hiking devil (Robert Burke) stalks the defenceless in Namibia's desert. Pretentious British mish-mash of other people's movies from style-conscious director Richard Stanley.
Scala (071-278 0051)

CURRENT

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy, with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **THE JUNGLE BOOK** (U): Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
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Scenes from the provincial life

MARILYN KINGWILL



Conflict of interests? Orla Brady is confronted by a disapproving Walter McMonagle at the Tricycle

A Love Song for Ulster
Tricycle

IF THE woes of Northern Ireland have brought our theatre anything bolder or more ambitious than Bill Morrison's trilogy, I have yet to discover it. *A Love Song for Ulster* shrinks 70 years of tortuous, tormented history to six hours of drama that is sometimes vivid, sometimes flat, sometimes trenchant, sometimes sententious, sometimes this and sometimes that, but always highly distinctive in style. Imagine a blend of Macaulay and *The Archers*, and you have the magisterial yet homely quality of this symbolical soap.

The code cracks in the first play, titled *The Marriage*. Mary, who is Catholic, is abandoned in the North by her Southern family with vague promises of help at some future date. There she settles into a marriage, at first bitter but soon contented, with a big, mild farmer named John, who is Protestant. But he is shot dead by her brother Gabriel in a cross-border raid, and replaced as her husband by his brother Victor, a hard man of the "no surrender" school. Thus does Morrison dramatise the potential for peace between Ulster's communities and, for the first of many times during the evening, their failure to achieve it.

Exemplary character follows exemplary character onto the stage, among them a priest who sees Catholic women as pods for a theocratic Ulster, a Paisleyite minister bent on seizing land and power, and Kate's inept, cowardly mother, representing Eire. Vendettas are pursued, cheeks turned, good intentions transformed to bad. Combatants weary, only to be replaced by others. The English arrive to restore order, and manage to complicate the hatred. "I want the soldiers out of the house," says Kate. "But if they go we won't have a house," replies Victor. So it goes on, through the plays that Morrison calls *The Son* and *The Daughter*.

The strain of reconciling a history-lesson with a family saga shows. When Kate's daughter Anne persuades her to ask for a bit more control over her household, we are seeing the emergence of the civil rights movement in 1968. The smothering of Anne's illegitimate baby by kin afraid it will grab their inheritance presumably represents the end of those hopes and, judging by the bangs that follow it, the start of the present troubles. Even Bobby Sands's hunger strike is marked by Kate popping to and fro with an untouched tray. *The Daughter* in particular gets cluttered as Morrison strenuously applies his formula to the confusions of the past 25 years.

Yet the trilogy as a whole is undeniably impressive, arguing as it passionately does that a yearning for reconciliation has always existed in Ulster, in spite of those who have fanned fear and exploited mistrust. Indeed, Morrison's ending is almost too forgiving and upbeat. The killers on both sides are dead, having been exposed as gangsters with a shared interest in perpetuating a profitable conflict; and Papes and Prots sit eating and drinking round the same table, while Anne pays her tribute to those who "suffered and endured and refused to hate" over the cradle of a new symbol of hope. Do the present halting talks really justify that?

Nicolas Kent's production is fine in itself and powerfully acted by its Anglo-Irish cast. Brendan Coyle, first John and then his son, brings effortless assurance to the task of projecting healing warmth, destructive glee and much else; but Orla Brady's Kate and John Keegan, whose Victor must progress from aggro to exhaustion, are almost as strong. And there is wit here, too, notably in a running debate about the meaning of the tale of *Abraham and Isaac*. Must Ulster indefinitely remain in thrall to baleful patriarchs claiming divine sanction for the terrible sacrifices they ask their children to make? A good question, eloquently put.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Young lives damaged in transit



Guarded: Nigel Hastings, Sarah Shanson in *Kindertransport*

Kindertransport
Cockpit, Marylebone

THANKS to Robert Browning, Britons who have not actually met a rat-catcher picture him dressed in red and yellow, playing a pipe to lure rodents to the river or, if not paid his fee, children *to a mountain cave*. *On the continent* he is altogether more sinister, and stories about *der Rattenfänger* terrify young Eva when her mother reads them at bedtime.

Eva is menaced by other terrors, for this is Hamburg in 1938 and the Schlesinger family is Jewish. After Kristallnacht her mother (Ruth Mitchell) makes the agonising decision to send her to the safety of England, assuring her that she and the child's father will follow shortly. Diane Samuels, who was the co-winner of last year's Verity Bargate Award, raises an awkward, unanswerable question in this, her first "solo" play. Would the children who never saw their parents again have been — how is one to put this precisely? — *happier*, in the long run, to have died with their families in the concentration camps?

Samuels sets her play in the attic of the fine Manchester house now owned by middle-aged Evelyn, the brittle, chilling woman Eva grew up to become. Her own daughter Faith is setting up home and Evelyn is examining the neatly stacked boxes — everything in her life has to be neat — to supply Faith's material needs.

Her emotional needs she has difficulty supplying. The past is to be concealed, and in Lil Miller (Doreen Andrew), the woman who took her in as a child, she finds a ready ally — "Burying's no good: you have to destroy." But Faith has found just enough to begin asking questions, and the child-destroying rat-catcher is identified, shockingly, as everyone who once felt they were acting as the child's saviour.

The accomplished writing is characterised by sequences of rapid, single-sentence exchanges that edge away from strict realism. These are powered by Eva/Evelyn's neurotic guilt and propensity to panic, qualities strongly established in Elizabeth Bell's beady performance. The blending together of past and present time is also exceptionally well done — young Eva opening a parcel in one area of the stage, middle-aged Evelyn destroying its contents in another.

Abigail Morris's smoothly flowing production has drawn from 13-year-old Sarah Shanson a performance of poignant clarity as the child who must deaden her heart. Suzan Sylvester's hurt, puzzled Faith shows the tug between daughterly love and ancestral voices. All in all, this is a concerned and thought-provoking evening — which is playing in a theatre designed by the architect Edward Mendelsohn, who himself came to this country on a Kindertransport in 1939.

JEREMY KINGSTON

An innocent detached

Voyage in the Dark
White Bear, Kennington

JEAN RHYS's novel of a respectable chorus girl's slide into pain, betrayal and resignation in pre-first world war London dates from 1934. Five years later, it was followed by a masterpiece, *Good Morning, Midnight*; then, nearly a quarter century of obscurity, marked by drunkenness, paranoia and court appearances, before another great book, *The Wide Sargasso Sea*, triggered a revival of interest in Rhys's work, film and television versions, and cast a glow of success over her last years — a success she greeted with characteristically sardonic amusement.

As in all her fiction, *Voyage in the Dark* is autobiographical. The heroine, like the author born in Domenica, is a typical Rhys loner: frozen, bewildered, down but not out, saved — or possibly destroyed — by a mocking detachment from others and no less mocking awareness of herself. The spare style, as economically judged as the strokes in a Chinese watercolour, unwaveringly looks cruelty and heart-break in the face. It would be bleak if not softened by shrugging humour. It would be sentimental without Rhys's determination to be herself as she goes down, frayed banners flying, refusing to give in to values she despises: the hypocrisy and lovelessness of a grey, chill England and the emotional jungle where "if you start being afraid of people they see it, and then you're done for".

Sarah Woodside, the director of Joan Wiles's adaptation for Millennium Theatre Company, recently worked on the memorable *Anna Karenina* for Shared Experience. Paradoxically, the newer novel, for all its modernity in style and content, proves a tougher work to stage. The flow of short scenes lacks smoothness when broken up by the necessary reshuffling of stage furniture (some scenes are briefer than their scene changes) and the play gathers momentum and narrative impetus only half-way through when heroine Anna, discarded by her seducer, slips inevitably into prostitution in a world where "people are cheaper than things".

Anna is one of those victims Rhys delighted in: obstinately herself, prone to bite the extended helping hand, indifferent to conventional morality. She displays a marvellous, irritating mixture of the naively vulnerable and the disconcerting intuitive perceptiveness of a child. Justine Powell's striking presence is too self-contained for the virginal 18-year-old; she is too much in control, which adds an unsympathetic note to her blend of reproach and stubborn independence as Anna is passed from man to man. The performance excels in moments of assertiveness, but more variety and sense of development will surely come during the run.

Philip Bretherton strikes the right note as her seducer: decent enough, according to his lights, more decent than most, an air of harassment palpable as he tires of his play thing. David Shimwell, Sarah Finch and Sian Jones fill in a panorama of cheerful, loose girls, casual male adulterers, desperate procuresses. The sequence where a blousy "masseuse" lures Anna into her business by winding a long scarf around the girl until they are bound together, suggests the production would gain from more stylisation and less furniture heaving.

MARTIN HOYLE

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Antennae for a new language

Exactly 100 years after the artist's birth, the most comprehensive exhibition ever of the work of Joan Miró opens today at the Fundació Miró in Barcelona. It will be the centrepiece of the year of homage declared by the Generalitat of Catalonia for 1993.

The exhibition has two ambitions. The first is to make Miró's work better understood by a public which still tends to find Picasso and Dalí more accessible. Miró's style has certainly become easily recognisable: his influence can be detected, for example, on the logos of the Spanish tourist board and of Spain's biggest savings bank. And his public murals and sculptures are, of course, a constant reminder of the genius who once compared himself to an insect with antennae for making new discoveries.

But some in Spain regard a recent General Motors advertisement as a more likely indicator of Miró's position in public esteem. It depicts a car against what looks at first to be a Miró background, with the slogan "*arte contemporaneo*". Closer inspection, however, reveals a disclaimer that the design is by an unknown present-day artist. The advertiser calculated, probably correctly, that an imitation was as good as the real thing.

> 'The forms he developed are either human or come from the countryside'

The second ambition is to make Miró into a standard-bearer of Spanish, and particularly Catalan, culture. When asked last year what Barcelona had to look forward to after the Olympic Games, Pasqual Maragall, the city's mayor, would reply, "the *año Miró*". There is undoubtedly a desire to keep Barcelona in the world's eye, after the triumph of the Olympics. Nearly 40 exhibitions will take place in Catalonia alone. The organisers of the Fundació Miró are expecting 200,000 tickets to be sold, and the exhibition moves next year to New York's Museum of Modern Art.

The claims made for Miró are equal to the size of the project. The head of culture in Barcelona's city council, the architect Oriol Bohigas, argues that Miró is the most important artist of the century because he created a whole new artistic language: "Picasso ended an era and Miró began one."

Of the 180 paintings on display, about three quarters come from outside Spain, and include many of his most famous works. They include *The Farm* (which Heming-way bought in 1925 and kept till he died), *Self-Portrait* and *The Dutch Interiors*, accompanied by 300 drawings from the massive collection given by Miró to the gallery when it was founded in 1976.

All the stages of Miró's work are covered, from the early figurative phase and his first surrealist paintings, conceived when he was literally hallucinating from hunger in Paris, to the *Constellations* series, which he finished when he returned to Spain after the civil war, and the later stages when he devoted himself to the slow refinement of his own distinctive language. According to Rosa Maria Malet, the exhibition director, the way to make Miró better appreciated is to reveal how he worked. "This may be unknown to the public. It is usually thought that Miró was very direct, that he worked without thinking. The reality is the opposite. When he faced a problem he would try various solutions, often beginning with a figurative drawing, which would end in a design in his own personal vocabulary."

To help explain this process, his preparatory drawings are exhibited beside the finished works and the catalogue contains his notes and fragments of his letters.

This is also what the one lasting creation of *año Miró*, the new Fundació Pilar i Joan Miró, which opened in Majorca last month, attempts to do in a less complete, more intimate way. Miró settled in Majorca in 1956 and lived there until he died in 1983. There, he was jealously protected from disturbances by his wife. He was able to devote himself entirely to his work. And to fulfil his last wish — to found a centre for studying his own art and for "assisting the creative work of future artists" — a gallery designed by Rafael Moneo has been built in the garden of his former house, where his 89-year-old widow still lives.

This foundation has over 1,000 of Miró's works, including 134 paintings, 25 sculptures and hundreds of drawings and jottings, often on scraps of newspaper. A special selection of these is being exhibited as part of the centenary. But just as interesting for discovering how Miró worked are his studios, which have been kept exactly as they were when he died.

The main one, which was designed for him by his friend Josep Luis Sert, contains the last dozen paintings which, as was his usual method, he was working on simultaneously.

Outside the free and unconventional world of his work Miró was meticulous. According to his widow, he always chose his clothes and ties with care. "He liked to live well, without excesses: to eat well and dress very smartly. When we used to visit Picasso, it was very noticeable the difference between his careless extravagance and the neat appearance of Joan."

Despite their very different characters, Miró always showed a deep admiration for Picasso. In his letters he tells the story that when he arrived in Paris in 1920, the first thing he did was to go and see Picasso. "Making a start in the world is very difficult," he once grumbled to Picasso. "It is as if you had to take the bus," Picasso said, "and you have to queue. When your turn comes, you get on."

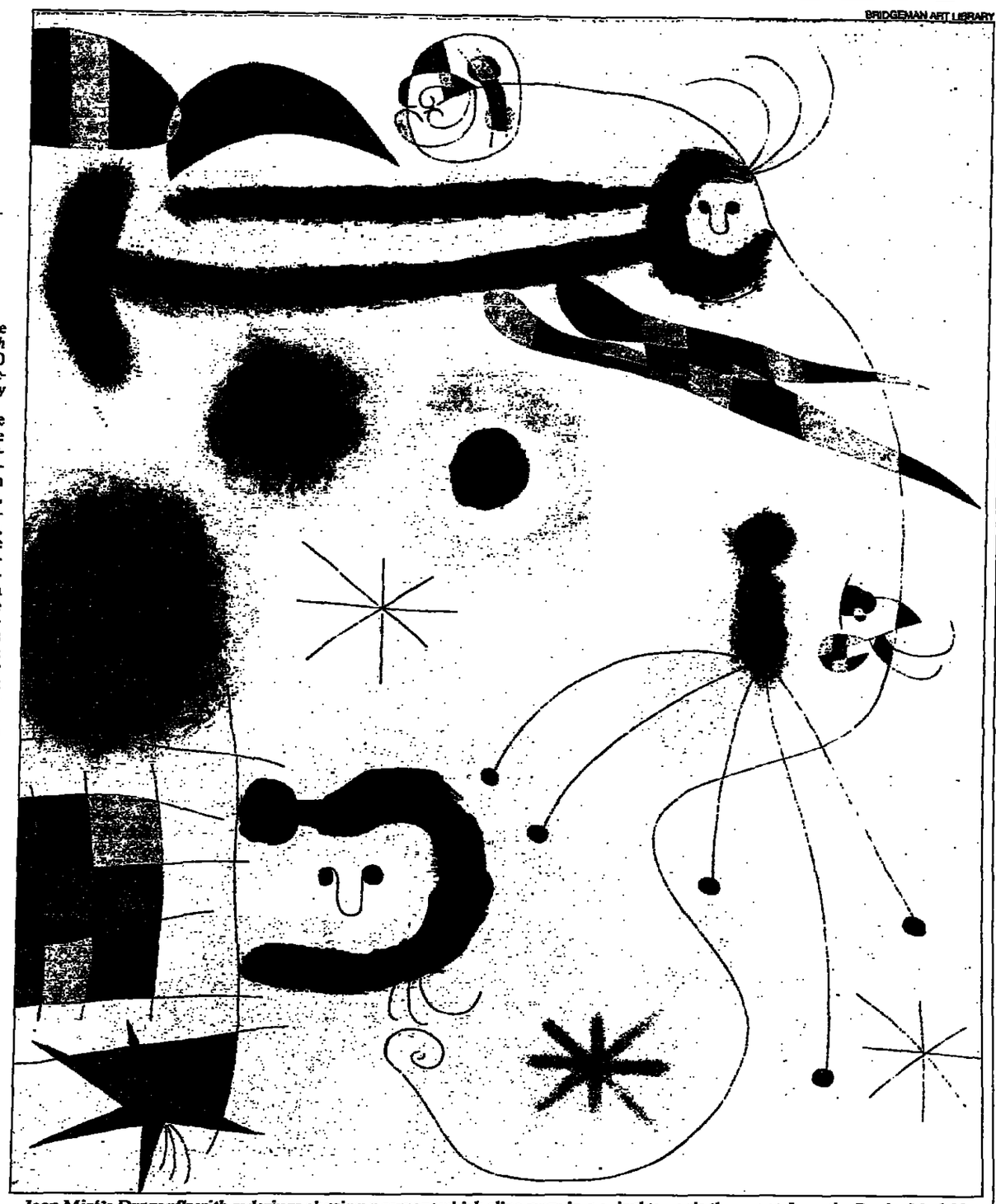
As soon as he was able Miró bought the house next door to his own, a 17th-century *possessió* or Majorcan farmhouse, similar to the house he grew up in on the mainland in Catalonia and which he recorded so intensely in *The Farm*. This he used as a workshop for the monumental projects on which he concentrated during this period. His childish graffiti on the white walls, some of the forms of which can be seen reproduced in his sculpture, have been conserved.

When he described how he worked, he chose to compare himself to a gardener or a wine-maker. He believed that the only way to find a universal language of forms was through his own roots, and the forms which he developed are either human or come from the countryside: insects, snakes, broad horizons, the moon and the stars.

Even today Miró has yet to triumph with the Catalan public, who are generally conservative. Miró himself complained about their meanness towards painters. But then he had second thoughts, adding: "This surliness with which Catalonia treats spiritual things may at the same time be its saving grace."

● Joan Miró 1893-1993 *runs from today until August 30 at the Fundació Miró, Parc de Montjuic, Barcelona. Tickets can be obtained from 100 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AH (071-623 3060) or 40 King Street, Covent Garden, London WC2 8JU (071-836 5144)*

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Joan Miró's Dragonfly with red wings chasing a serpent which slips away in a spiral towards the comet, from the Prado, Madrid

DANCE

Welsh as made in Finland

Diversions
Bloomsbury

ALTHOUGH billing itself as the National Dance Company of Wales, Diversions is not to be thought of as an equivalent of Welsh National Opera. There are only seven dancers and their repertoire is almost all made specially for them. Two of the three works brought to London last week are by choreographers from abroad, the third by the director, Roy Campbell-Moore, born in Scotland and educated in Australia.

The discovery of this programme was a choreographer hitherto unknown here, Kenny Kvarnstrom: born in Finland, now running his own company in Sweden. On the evidence of *Exhibo*, he has a gift for using apparently abstract movements to suggest both character and context. At the beginning, in fact, there is hardly any movement at all, just the seven dancers standing or crouching, barely visible on a dimly lit section of the otherwise dark stage.

A momentum gradually builds up from small hip movements to larger and faster rhythms. At the same time, a sense develops of the dancers as both individuals and a community. In particular, a relationship is implied between a couple who link in a close embrace at the beginning and repeat it, almost naked, towards the end. The score by Tommy Adolfsson and Jorgen Adolfsson mixes plaintive lowings with strangely alarming metallic percussive sounds, adding to the strong atmosphere of the work which is reinforced by the subtle lighting of Ellen Ruge and Karen Pimbley.

Campbell-Moore's new work, *Spirit Catchers*, uses jungly rhythms, exotic costumes by Jilles Marias (including some bizarre headpieces, like domes with curtains) and paintings by Albert Irvin on reversible louvred screens to decorate a slightly bland although varied choreography. Perhaps it has too much in common with the revival of *History of Collage Revisited*, by the American choreography, Bill T. Jones, which preceded it. Both are episodic, set to a potpourri score, use a setting that is changed about during the complex, apparently inconsequent action, and require frequent changes of costume. But the energy and enthusiasm of the dancers all evening are impressive.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Drumming up a history lesson

Kokuma
Purcell Room

AFRICAN dance attracts clichés — vibrant, rhythmic, infectious — but that does not make them less true. The Birmingham-based Afro-Caribbean company, Kokuma, merits them and more.

Sometimes the dancers and musicians build such a crescendo of movement and sound that the whole stage seems to sway, bodies pulsating in combination with the driving percussion, their gyrating silhouettes tracing squiggles. All kinds of drum pound the air: small drums, big drums, drums beaten with the hand or with a hooked stick. Kokuma's new touring show, *History of The Drum*, presents the instrument as "the extended tongue of the African people", equating it with their very soul.

In fact, the title is rather misleading: what you get is less an account of the drum's development than an evocation of its survival against the odds of enslavement. The piece suggests how, in different forms and different countries, the drum helped African people to retain their culture and identity.

History of The Drum is the result of an invitation extended to the Nigerian choreographer Peter Badejo and composer Peter Erskine. One of the collaboration's many virtues is the way the musicians, lead by Silbert Dormer, are incorporated in the action, whether to express their own joy at moments of happiness or to join in as victims.

The range of Badejo's choreography is another virtue. He follows African dance's stylistic journey from native villages to the other side of the Atlantic, where it inspired reggae and shaped various manifestations of American social dance. He also draws sharp contrasts between character and mood, opposing the exuberance of freedom with strict, Westernised lines to represent oppression.

Kokuma's seven dances come from the USA, the West Indies and Britain; they have different dance backgrounds but have achieved homogeneity and ease of technique. All credit to them and their director, Jackie Guy, for their minutely polished, disciplined presentation.

NADINE MEISNER

CLASSICAL MUSIC: Gustav Leonhardt and the OAE in concert; June Anderson, Earl Wild and Itzhak Perlman in recital

Bach's sacred second thoughts

OAE/Leonhardt
St John's, Smith Square

LOOKING at the gaunt, unsmiling figure of Gustav Leonhardt, one might think that he is of the school which believes that you cannot really make friends with Bach's music, and instead you must worship it. But appearances deceive. He never shows anything other than refinement and good taste in his intepretations.

The epitome of exuberance he is not. But neither is he severe. He understands that Bach is as much of this world as of the next, that the distinction between sacred and secular is blurred.

That fact was plain from reading Nicholas Anderson's programme note for this conspicuously seasonal concert by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. It told us that the Easter Oratorio began life in 1725 as a secular cantata, written for a duke's birthday party. The other main work — introduced by the lovely Sinfonia from Cantata No 42 — was the Ascension Oratorio. Lo and behold, we discover that this music also contains things that first had secular connotations. Its alto aria "Ach, bleibe doch" afterwards became metamorphosed into the hallowed Agnus Dei of the B minor Mass; but this movement was again conceived for a secular cantata.

Whatever their origins, both works contain wonderfully expressive, fluid music. In the Easter Oratorio, for instance, there are the three arias: the soprano's "Seele, deine Spezerein", with Lisa Beznosiuk's elaborate flute obbligato, the tenor's "Sanfte soll mein Todeskummer", with its lovely accompaniment of recorders and muted strings, or the alto's "Saget, saget mir geschwinde" in the same



Gaunt but not severe: baroque specialist Gustav Leonhardt

work, graced here by Anthony Robson's delicious oboe d'amore obbligato. And what an effective stroke is the introduction of duetting tenor and bass, singing of laughter and joy with suitably onomatopoeic lines in the midst of the opening chorus.

The bright-edged soprano of Monika Frimmer, the ringing countertenor of Ralf Popken, the refined, smooth tenor of Christoph Pregardien and the well-rounded, cultivated bass-baritone of David Wilson-Johnson were a well matched team of soloists, perfectly scaled for this music, while the 13 voices of the Choir of Enlightenment sang with the crispest articulation.

Leonhardt allowed each movement space to express itself without ever becoming bogged down in the mire. In its turn the OAE illuminated both oratorios with its expressive and meticulous playing, and with solo obbligatos that were invariably beautifully turned.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Birdsong matched with audacity

June Anderson
Wigmore Hall

EVERY canary-fancier in London was there: but the American soprano June Anderson is no canary. More like an exotic bird-of-paradise, she knows just how to activate each colour and texture in her vocal plumage to maximum effect, and her audience is invariably seduced.

As befits one who is a holder of the prestigious *Bellini d'Oro* award, she framed her generous and wide-ranging recital with ardent *bel canto*, accompanied with no less fervour by Charles Spencer. The delight of Anderson's Bellini (here "Il fervido desiderio" and "La ricordanza") and Rossini ("La promessa" and "Bel raggio lusinghier") is its robust energy. The voice thrills to the sheer physicality of the singing. And the breadth of this soprano's expressive scale can take in even a passing rawness of timbre at the top which only makes it the more exciting.

There is far more to Anderson, though, than rock-solid technique and boundless energy. Her linguistic intelligence rings through her German and French songs, each one savouring both its historical and geographical context. Liszt's "Die Lorelei" was full of the scent of evening and of disturbing enchantment; his settings of Victor Hugo and, later, Duparc's of Gautier breathed deeply the air of their long, sensuous vowels. A brighter, harsher light was deflected from both keyboard and voice in three songs by Joaquin Turina.

There are times when it seems as if the same élan of showmanship, and a similar intensity of expression, are being applied to every next piece: a moment of surprise, vulnerability or unpredictability is just about the only thing missing from Anderson's art. And much of the loss is made good by the enterprise of her programming. To hear Ned Rorem's artfully nonchalent Christina Rossetti settings, followed by Leonard Bernstein's "Dream with me" from *Peter Pan* was a treat.

To hear the 76-year-old pianist, **Earl Wild**, the night before at the Wigmore was rather like looking through the other end of the telescope. His programme of Rachmaninov (Corelli Variations and Sonata No 2) and Chopin (Etudes and Scherzo No 1) was a miracle of technical dexterity and urbane legerdemain. But it was difficult to resist the thought that it would have made ravishing background music in this cool detached fluency the foreground of the soul was sorely missed.

HILARY FINCH

ALAN WELLER





Technique and wit: June Anderson (top), Itzhak Perlman (below)

Itzhak Perlman
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

FOR the most beautiful violin sound, you probably would not go to hear Itzhak Perlman. And it surely was not the advertised programme of sonatas by Beethoven and Saint-Saëns and the Stravinsky Divertimento which attracted a nearly full house to pay comparatively high prices for his recital with Bruno Canino in Symphony Hall.

There is always an audience for a big name, of course, but apart from that there are the admirers of the Perlman personality, and of the violinist who, after decades on the circuit, has become neither a conductor nor a cynic. Except in the encores, which are quite a different matter, the great moments in a Perlman performance are when you stop listening to the violin and hear the music.

The first movement of Beethoven's Sonata in G, Op 30 No 3, although it immediately established the high quality of his partnership with Canino, was edgy in sound and not very interesting in interpretation. But then, in the minuet-shaped slow movement, melodic inspiration took over and communication was immediate and direct. Stravinsky's Divertimento (drawn by the composer for Samuel Dushkin from his Tchaikovsky-based ballet *The Fairy's Kiss*) assumed an absorbing dramatic dimension, but only after a beginning in which violinist and pianist were not quite together and where there was a similar discrepancy in intonation.

The salon-style scherzo and the moto perpetuo finale of the Saint-Saëns Sonata in G Minor, Op 75, are not very far from the encore category, but it seemed that the violinist had refrained from making them too slick — so as to avoid upstaging the less entertaining but more substantial material of the first half of the sonata perhaps or, at least, to avoid losing the element of risk in the last movement.

As for the encores themselves, for all the confusion in sorting them out, they were immaculately prepared. The most successful of no fewer than five of them were not the ones which, like the Meditation from *Thais*, rely on beauty of sound for their effect, but those which demand breathtaking agility. Who but Perlman and Canino could make Sarasate's Tarantella so wickedly funny while apparently taking it seriously? And who else could provoke a standing ovation with a piece of nonsense by Bazzini?

GERALD LARNER

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Top-class French chaser heads elite challenge for Sandown spectacular

The Fellow primed to tackle Whitbread

By Julian Muscat

THE Fellow was yesterday declared an almost certain starter for the Whitbread Gold Cup, the last significant steeplechase of the National Hunt season, at Sandown on Saturday.

"He worked this morning and his morale is high," Francois Doumen, his trainer, said. "He's very fresh. The plan is for him to run and the ground is not really the issue. If I bring him he will start, it is just that some rain would help him."

Doumen felt that fast ground at the Cheltenham festival prevented his horse from justifying favouritism in the Gold Cup, but the Sandown circuit is unlikely to duplicate such conditions, even if the forecast rain fails to materialise. Nick Cheyne, the clerk of the course, described the going as good with good to firm patches.

The Fellow heads a list of 14 five-day acceptors with top weight of 11st 13lb. Only six others will be racing off their true rating, and half the acceptors will be at least 14lb out of the handicap.

The race brings together Cahervillahow and Docklands Express, the latter awarded the 1991 Whitbread after Cahervillahow was deemed to have caused interference to his rival on the run-in. Last year's winner, Topsham Bay, is another intended runner, as is Garrison Savannah, the mount of Mark Pitman.

Garrison Savannah is one of six entries to have journeyed to Aintree for the Grand National. Cahervillahow, trained in Ireland by Mouse Morris, completed the course in second behind Esha Ness, but the latter could finish only fourth behind Run For Free in the Scottish equivalent at Ayr on Saturday. Givus A Buck also completed the full four-and-a-half mile trip at Aintree, while Garrison Savannah and Captain Dibble were pulled up after a circuit.

Ladbrokes make The Fellow and Garrison Savannah 4-1 joint-favourites with Docklands Express at 9-2, but Hills and Corals agree in installing Docklands Express as outright 7-2 favourite.

The Whitbread is the highlight of one of the most attractive and popular race days in the calendar, which also features some high-class Flat racing. The Thresher Classic Trial, over ten furlongs, has attracted a field of ten, with Henry Cecil nominating Tenby, the current Derby favourite, and last week's Newmarket winner Placerville. Both colts are owned by Khaled Abdulla, whose racing manager Grant Pritchard-Gordon explained: "Tenby will run if the ground if not soft. If it is soft, then Placerville will step in. Only one of them will run."

Abdulla will be attempting to enhance an impressive record in this trial. He has won it with Alphabatim, Damister and Defensive Play. The race's bearing on the Blue Riband has waned in recent seasons, although it produced four subsequent Derby winners in an eight-year period from 1979.

Michael Stoute, who supplied two of those in Shergar and Shahrastani, relies on the Alysheba colt Shaiba, winner of his second start last year and favourably noted in recent gallops reports.

The other group race is the Gordon Richards Stakes, also over ten furlongs. Stoute's Opera House heads the 12 nominees.

☐ Walter Swinburn was yesterday confirmed to ride Wharf in the 2,000 Guineas. Wharf, second to Emperor Jones in the Craven Stakes, is Khaled Abdulla's second string to Zafonic.



Old foes: The Fellow, No. 8, and Docklands Express meet again at Sandown on Saturday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PRIDE OF BRITAIN (4.20 Folkestone)
Next best: The Little Ferret (3.20 Folkestone)

Tote backs Redcar

THE Tote is to take over sponsorship of Redcar's Racecall Gold Trophy, which will be renamed the Tote Two-Year-Old Trophy. The £100,000 event has been moved from October 26 to October 14 to allow Channel 4 to show racing from Redcar and Newmarket.

Redcar chairman Lord Zetland said: "The race has fulfilled our objectives of bringing prize-money to the north of England and giving small trainers the opportunity of winning a big prize."

The Tote is also funding bonuses for smaller stables. A winning yard with three or fewer two-year-olds could land another £100,000. The prize is £50,000 for four to six, and £25,000 for seven to nine two-year-olds. Channel 4 will also televise a £14,000 maiden for two-year-old fillies.

☐ Champagne Ruinart will sponsor the Lingfield Oaks Trial for the next three years.

Modesto's Lingfield victory under scrutiny

By Julian Muscat

THE Jockey Club is to examine the circumstances of Modesto's victory in the Daily Star Challenge Handicap final at Lingfield on April 3 after an official complaint by Neil Graham, the trainer of the runner-up, Gold Blade.

Jockey Club steward David Oldrey will take evidence from the stewards' secretary at Lingfield, and will also assess recordings of Modesto's recent races before deciding whether the matter warrants an investigation by the disciplinary committee.

Modesto, trained by Ken Cunningham-Brown, won the ten-furlong all-weather race at odds of 33-1, mastering Gold Blade by half a length in receipt of 19lb. Two weeks earlier, however, Gold Blade had beaten Modesto, on that occasion apprentice ridden, by ten-and-a-half lengths over the same course and distance when conceding 25lb.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, yesterday confirmed receipt of Graham's objection. Although trainers sometimes ask the Jockey Club privately to look into reversals of form, Pipe said complaints were "not normally made on such a formal basis". Graham's objection was addressed to the senior steward, Lord Hartington.

The case is being addressed with regard to possible breaches of Rule 151, which deals with non-triers. Pipe was unable to say how quickly Oldrey would be able to reach a decision on whether the case warranted a full investigation.

Johnson aiming for more success at home

By Patricia Davies

TRISH Johnson, of England, became the first European woman golf professional to win consecutive events in the United States on Sunday when she took the Atlanta women's championship at Eagle's Landing country club in Georgia.

Johnson birdied the last hole to finish with a round of 70 and a total of 282, six under par, two shots ahead of Sherri Steinhauer. The first prize of $90,000 (about £59,000) was more than Johnson had won in a whole American season before and took her to the top of the money list.

The 27-year-old had spent her first five years on the US tour without a win but, having acquired the taste in Las Vegas two weeks ago, proved that was no freak result.

Her two victories followed the triumph of Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, in the Nabisco Dinah Shore, the first important championship of the season.

Next week, doubtless to the relief of the Americans, Johnson will be foregoing the $1 million-plus tournament in Tallahassee to compete in the Ford Classic at Woburn.

The prize fund is a relatively meagre £70,000, but Johnson and Laura Davies, who is also returning for the event, are determined the European Tour will not fail for lack of support from the leading players.

"We all love playing at home," said Johnson, who, like Davies, will be standing for election to the board of the European tour at the annual general meeting next week. "Our whole aim is to gain more sponsors."

Since the Solheim Cup win in Edinburgh last October, Europe's players have reached a level of excellence that ranks them with the best in the world. "The Solheim Cup was the event that changed things for me," Johnson said. "Winning under pressure, with everyone wanting you to win, made a difference to all of us. It pushed my confidence right up."

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 282: P Johnson (GB), 72, 72, 68, 70. 284: S Steinhauer, 71, 70, 72, 71. 285: M McGann, 74, 68, 72, 71. 286: M Bertean, 74, 69, 78, 65, E Crosby, 71, 72, 74, 69, B King, 72, 67, 73, 74. 287: S Turner, 76, 67, 71, 73. 288: D Ammaccapane, 77, 72, 71, 68; H Kobayashi (Japan), 70, 75, 73, 70, J Stephenson (Aus), 73, 71, 70, 74. Other British scores: 294: L Davies, 74, 74, 73, 74. 299: C Pierce, 75, 75, 78, 71

Tigers go record hunting

By Robert Kirley

WHEN the Detroit Tigers and the Texas Rangers open a two-game baseball series in Detroit tonight, the scorekeeper will need a fistful of sharp pencils. Last week the Tigers scored 20 runs twice and the Rangers scored 21 runs on 26 hits in two successive games.

The Tigers, who led the major leagues in scoring last season, beat the Oakland Athletics 20-4 on Tuesday and the Seattle Mariners 20-3 on Saturday. The club had not scored 20 runs in a game since 1937 but would equal the single-season record with a third 20-run game. Sparky Anderson, of the Tigers, became the seventh manager to direct 2,000 career victories in a 3-2 home decision over Oakland.

Texas, leaders of the American League West division, lead the major leagues in earned-run average. Jose Canseco, of the Rangers, who had struggled with his batting average, had six hits in ten at-bats in weekend games.

The career strikeouts leader, Nolan Ryan, of Texas, underwent surgery to repair cartilage damage in his right knee. He will be sidelined for three to six weeks.

Lee Smith, of the St Louis Cardinals, became the career saves leader in a 9-7 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers. His 358th save moved him one ahead of Jeff Reardon, of the Cincinnati Reds, who is no longer a closer.

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1.50 Emerald Ears. 2.20 Sunset Street. 2.50 Breakfast Boogie. 3.20 The Little Ferret. 3.50 Bev's Folly. 4.20 Island Blade. 4.50 Yakin. 5.20 Tempelhof.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 PRESS GALLERY (nap). 3.50 Madame Gregoire. 5.20 Preston Guild.

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1.50 TIM FREEMAN CLAIMING STAKES
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1 (1) 0/4513 STORM FREE 24 (D) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 7-8-13 ... N Carlisle 89
2 (9) DEVONIAN 24J (G Libson) Miss J Doyle 4-8-9 ... R Cochrane –
3 (4) 20-5550 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 52 (D,F,G) T Naughton 5-8-7 ... D Holland 98
4 (3) 6404-00 THIN RED LINE 19 (V,D,F,G) (American Technical Ltd) J Jenkins 9-8-7 S Whitworth 88
5 (2) 0000/0-0 RAGTIME SONG 8 (W Alexander) R Akehurst 4-8-5 ... T Quinn 80
6 (7) 55/000- YAAFOOR 10J (V) (P Hedger) P Hedger 4-8-5 ... A Tucker (3) 80
7 (5) 04250-0 MASTAMIST 14 (B) (R Greatorex) R Voorspuy 4-8-3 ... N Adams 94
8 (6) 060-006 WOOD KAY 60 (B M Ltd) P Felgate 4-8-2 ... W Ryan –
9 (8) 000-440 EMERALD EARS 74 (G) (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 4-8-0 J Weaver (3) 96

BETTING: 11-8 Storm Free, 9-4 Northern Conqueror, 7-1 Thin Red Line, 10-1 Emerald Ears, 12-1 Devonian, 16-1 Ragtime Song, 25-1 others.

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STORM FREE 2l 3rd of 20 to Silky Siren in a claimer at Warwick (1m, firm). Previously, beat Sat The Fashion a head in an 8-runner apprentices' maiden at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2l, standard). NORTHERN CONQUEROR 5¾l 7th of 11 to Native Chieftain in an amateurs' handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2l, standard). THIN RED LINE 24l 9th of 10 to Atlantic Way in a handicap at Brighton (1m 4l, good). RAGTIME SONG 21l 8th of 18 to Tenayestelign in a handicap at Warwick (1m 3l, soft). EMERALD EARS 3l 4th of 11 to Lincstone Boy in a handicap at Southwell on penultimate start (AW, 6f, standard), with WOOD KAY (17lb better off) 12l 11th.
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2.20 TIM FREEMAN CLAIMING STAKES
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1 (3) 0640-0 JUNE'S LEAR FAN 24 (Mrs J Silton) P Mallenay 4-8-13 ... M Roberts 84
2 (6) 64060 MON PETITNAMOUR 12 (B,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-12 ... B Doyle (5) 77
3 (8) 5- AMLAK 34J (M Hirst) J Banks 4-8-11 ... J Quinn –
4 (2) /16643/ NATURAL LAD 607J (B,F,G,S) (T Dyer) C Weedon 8-8-9 ... G Duffield –
5 (9) 5 ROGERSON 35 (Mrs L Jones) A Moore 5-8-7 ... Candy Morris –
6 (4) 20-0540 SUNSET STREET 22 (F,G) (Under Orders Syndicate) S Dow 5-8-3 ... C Rutter 89
7 (7) 500503- COLONEL FAIRFAX 10J (A Green) R Hoad 5-8-1 ... G Carter 71
8 (1) 0/0053-0 L'ACQUESIANA 8 (V) (Mrs C Wash) D Shaw 5-8-0 ... – 60
9 (5) 035000- PRINCESS EVITA 196 (S Lury) R Guest 4-8-0 ... D Harrison (3) 71

BETTING: 6-4 Sunset Street, 7-2 Colonel Fairfax, 4-1 Princess Evita, 8-1 Amlak, 12-1 L'Acquesiana, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

MON PETITNAMOUR 23l 7th of 13 to to Sweet Mignonette in a handicap at Leicester (1m, good). NATURAL LAD 6½l 3rd of 4 to In Control in a handicap at Mallow (1m 1l, good to firm). ROGERSON 21l 5th of 8 to Storm Free in an apprentices' maiden at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2l, standard). SUNSET STREET 8½l 9th of 10 to Mr Nevermind in a handicap here (7f, good to firm). Previously, 2¾l 4th of 10 to Scots Law in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7l, standard). COLONEL FAIRFAX ¾l 3rd of 20 to Sir Norman Holt in a selling handicap at Pontefract (1m, firm). L'ACQUESIANA 1l 3rd of 9 to Miss Sarajane in a handicap at Southwell on penultimate start in July (AW, 1m, standard).
Selection: SUNSET STREET

2.50 WALMER APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,070: 6f 189yd) (9 runners)

1 (4) 40203-2 MUMMYS ROCKET 12 (Widnes Racing Partners) A Bailey 4-9-5 ... W Hollick (10) 80
2 (2) 00000-8 KRAYYAN DAWN 17 (R Greatorex) R Voorspuy 3-8-10 ... S Mulvey –
3 (7) 0 MARAT 14 (H Shepherd) J Jenkins 3-8-10 ... D McCabe –
4 (3) 000- PRAIRIE GROVE 239 (G Gleadell) R Hannon 3-8-10 ... Mark Denaro (8) 90
5 (9) 6434-2 ROYAL INTERVAL 22 (G Barker) W G M Turner 3-8-10 ... S Lanigan (8) 89
6 (5) 0000- TAKE THE MICK 204 (M Kirby) E Wheeler 3-8-10 ... J Wilkinson (5) –
7 (6) 00-0 WIRED FOR SOUND 21 (Access Security Ltd) M Channon 3-8-10 ... R Painter (8) –
8 (8) 02645- BREAKFAST BOOGIE 196 (Mrs M Watt) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 ... N Varley (3) 91
9 (1) 000- TRESARIA 217 (A Cousins) M Haynes 3-8-5 ... D Toole (8) 72

BETTING: 11-8 Royal Interval, 2-1 Mummys Rocket, 13-2 Breakfast Boogie, 8-1 Prairie Grove, 20-1 others.

1992: AHBAB 3-8-5 E Husband (4-6 fav) P Walwyn 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUMMYS ROCKET 2l 2nd of 13 to Sweet Mignonette in a handicap at Leicester (1m, good). KRAYYAN DAWN 8l 6th to Hol Ott The Press in a seller at Beverley (7l 110yd, good to firm). MARAT 16l 8th of 11 to Tabkir in a maiden over course and distance (soft). PRAIRIE GROVE 11l 10th of 22 to Weaver Bird in a maiden auction at Nottingham (6f, good). ROYAL INTERVAL a neck 2nd of 4 to Mr Vincent in a maiden auction here (6f, good to firm). BREAKFAST BOOGIE 7¾l 5th of 8 to Wintering in a maiden here (5f, good to soft).
Selection: MUMMYS ROCKET

3.20 BARHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,080: 6f) (13 runners)

1 (8) DEVIOUS DANCER (G Bush) W G M Turner 9-0 ... T Sprake –
2 (12) 00- GALLOP TO GLORY 224 (G Steinberg) S Dow 9-0 ... T Quinn –
3 (9) 5530-4 PRESS GALLERY 18 (BF) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... G Duffield 90
4 (13) SHARP PROSPECT (The Pendley Associates) P Harris 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
5 (2) 0 STOCKFORCE 12 (K Gomm) B Meehan 9-0 ... R Perham –
6 (4) 2- THE LITTLE FERRET 180 (A Higson) R Hannon 9-0 ... B Rouse 89
7 (1) 32-5 TWICE THE GROOM 10 (Down and Outs Racing) P Mitchell 9-0 ... W Newnes 86
8 (6) 03540-0 WALNUT BURL 10 (G Steinberg) L Holt 9-0 ... J Reid 73
9 (10) 060- JULY BRIDE 183 (K Higson) G Moore 8-9 ... Candy Morris –
10 (3) LANZAMAR (R Coombes) R Phillips 8-9 ... C Rutter –
11 (7) SENCINI (Mrs P Paynel) T Naughton 8-9 ... D Holland –
12 (11) TIP ME UP (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9 ... M Roberts –
13 (5) 0540- WESTERN VALLEY 138 (R Sears) A Cunningham-Brown 8-9 ... G Bardwell 75

BETTING: 10-11 The Little Ferret, 4-7 Press Gallery, 7-1 Twice The Groom, 12-1 Tip Me Up, 14-1 Walnut Burl, 20-1 Western Valley, 25-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PRESS GALLERY 2¾l 4th of 7 to Moon Strike in a maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). STOCKFORCE 25l 17th of 18 to Sorvet Line in a maiden at Leicester (1m, good). THE LITTLE FERRET ¾l 2nd of 16 to Zarani Sidi Anna in a maiden at Newbury (6f, soft). TWICE THE GROOM 15½l 5th of 8 to Yaqtian in a maiden at Kempton (7f, soft). Previously, 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Marchwell Lad in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). WALNUT BURL 25l last of 9 to Gamock Valley in a handicap at Kempton (6f, soft). WESTERN VALLEY 5¾l 4th of 9 to Aragrove in a maiden at Lingfield in November (AW, 6f, standard).
Selection: THE LITTLE FERRET

3.50 MARGATE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (9) 12 MADAME GREGOIRE 12 (CD,BF,F) (Mrs J Eustace) J Eustace 8-9 ... R Cochrane –
2 (3) 34 RISKY AFFAIR 12 (BF) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-8 ... D Harrison (3) –
3 (1) IMPERIAL BAILIWICK (Dr I Shenkin) M Usher 8-7 ... N Adams –
4 (7) 1- BEV'S FOLLY 8 (D,G) (A Reid) A Reid 8-6 ... W Ryan –
5 (11) 0 WINDOW DISPLAY 17 (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) M Channon 8-6 ... M Roberts –
6 (6) 0 DOUBLE-D 25 (Miss S Chidgey) M Bell 8-5 ... J O'Dwyer (7) –
7 (10) 6 CRAFTY CRICKETER 7 (Yew Tree Yeomanry) R Voorspuy 8-4 ... S Dawson –
8 (4) 3 MISS RISKY 8 (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-1 ... A McGlone –
9 (8) LITTLE EMMELINE (J Morrish) L Cottrell 7-9 ... N Carlisle –
10 (2) 8 FOREVER BLUSHING 22 (Miss M Bryant) P Butler 7-7 ... J Quinn –
11 (5) 0 WOOLY BULLY 12 (D Butler) M Haynes 7-7 ... G Bardwell –

BETTING: 9-4 Madame Gregoire, 3-1 Risky Affair, 6-1 Miss Risky, 8-1 Window Display, 10-1 Bev's Folly, 12-1 Forever Blushing, 14-1 Crafty Cricketer, 20-1 others.

1992: SABRE RATTLER 9-4 Pat Eddery (1-2 fav) J Berry 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MADAME GREGOIRE 2½l 2nd of 3 to Tote Sixtysix in a conditions race at Brighton (5f 110yd, good). Previously, beat Antonias Folly 1l in an 8-runner median auction over course and distance (good to firm), with FOREVER BLUSHING (16lb better off) 7½l 6th. RISKY AFFAIR ½l 4th of 7 to Sweet Whisper in a maiden auction at Brighton (5f 110yd, good), with WOOLY BULLY (10lb better off) 23½l 7th. BEV'S FOLLY beat Rose Of Glenn a neck in an 8-runner seller at Nottingham (5f, good), with MISS RISKY (6lb better off) 2½l 3rd. WINDOW DISPLAY 9l 8th of 12 to Miss Amy Lou in a maiden at Lingfield (5f, good). DOUBLE-D 23l 11th of 13 to Best Kept Secret in a selling maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). CRAFTY CRICKETER 5¾l 6th of 11 to Culsyth Flyer in a maiden auction at Warwick (5f, soft).
Selection: MADAME GREGOIRE

4.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,365: 1m 7f 92yd) (17 runners)

1 (1) 541540- PROSEQUENDO 120J (C,G) (J Daniels) M Dixon 6-9-12 ... Dale Gibson 85
2 (5) 63366-4 SHOOFE 14 (D,F,G,S) (A Al Jaffab) D Morley 5-9-11 ... M Roberts 86
3 (14) 06560/ SUREN 8J (B,G,S) (M Peters) C Weedon 7-9-7 ... A Clark –
4 (17) 140121/ CHAKALAK 613 (F) (P Chaloo) S Dow 5-9-7 ... G Carter –
5 (11) 5450-00 STRIKING IMAGE 7 (F) (Flahive Brickwork Ltd) J Moore 4-8-3 ... B Rouse 92
6 (13) 215-431 ISLAND BLADE 14 (CD,F,S) (Lime Street Syndicate) R Akehurst 4-8-13 ... T Quinn 95
7 (7) 502550- SMILINGATSTRANGERS 165 (V,F,G) Mrs B Waring 5-8-13 ... G Bardwell 99
8 (2) 5-42420 HUNTING GROUND 8 (T Wallace) A Bailey 5-8-12 ... J Quinn 90
9 (10) 030000- AEDEAN 39J (G) (Aedean Ltd) C Horgan 4-8-10 ... A McGlone 89
10 (6) 512421- PRIDE OF BRITAIN 183 (C,S) (Pride of Britain Ltd) L Cottrell 4-8-8 ... N Carlisle 92
11 (16) 00/00- FORGE 49J (Mrs E Jackman) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-1 ... B Doyle (5) –
12 (3) 64301-0 DRINKS PARTY 8 (BF,F,S) (Group 1 Racing) M Charles 5-7-11 ... C Hawksley (7) 86
13 (15) 0/662 PEACH BRANDY 14 (L Turner) R Voorspuy 4-7-11 ... N Adams 97
14 (4) /00/0- CHASMARELLA 173J (Mrs C Fortescue) Miss S Gallie 8-7-10 ... Candy Morris –
15 (8) 634-000 UP ALL NIGHT 12 (M Low) R Curtis 4-7-8 ... D Wright (7) 89
16 (12) 000-04 LLOYDS DREAM 6J (Mrs E Sheehan) D Shaw 4-7-7 ... F Norton 86
17 (9) 060- CANADIAN BOY 203 (P Sheehan) D Shaw 4-7-7 ... – –

Long handicap: Lloyds Dream 7-6, Canadian Boy 7-1

BETTING: 4-1 Island Blade, 5-1 Shoofe, 11-2 Pride Of Britain, 8-1 Peach Brandy, 10-1 Prosequendo, 12-1 Hunting Ground, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PROSEQUENDO 1¾l 4th of 14 to Day Of History in a handicap here on penultimate start (1m 4l, good). SHOOFE 11½l 4th of 12 to Awo Asson in a handicap at Pontefract (2m 1l, good). CHAKALAK beat Sarsta Grai 2½l in a 10-runner handicap at Southwell in August 1991 (AW, 1m 6f, standard). ISLAND BLADE beat PEACH BRANDY (7lb better off) 5l in a 16-runner handicap over course and distance (soft). PRIDE OF BRITAIN beat Calhos 2½l in an 18-runner handicap here (1m 4f, soft). DRINKS PARTY beat Tendresse 1½l in a 19-runner selling handicap at Warwick (1m 3l, soft).
Selection: ISLAND BLADE

4.50 FOLKESTONE CONDITIONS STAKES
(Fillies: £3,084: 5f) (4 runners)

1 (2) 216360- BELLS OF LONGWICK 189 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 4-8-13 T Williams 90
2 (1) 3060-38 EVER SO LONELY 5 (D,F,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-8-13 ... D Wright (7) 63
3 (3) 0-1 CRIME OFTHECENTURY 8 (D,G) (C Wright) P Cole 3-8-2 ... T Quinn 75
4 (4) 2120- YAKIN 192 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-0 ... R Hills 99

BETTING: Evens Yakin, 13-8 Crime Ofthecentury, 9-2 Bells Of Longwick, 20-1 Ever So Lonely.

1992: POWER LAKE 3-8-12 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELLS OF LONGWICK's best recent effort came when 2½l 3rd of 12 to Wolfhound in a conditions race at Newbury (5f, good). EVER SO LONELY 6½l 3rd of 7 to Martina in a claimer at Ripon last time out (5f, soft). CRIME OFTHECENTURY beat Bellsabanging 1½l in a 7-runner maiden auction at Nottingham (5f, good). YAKIN neck 2nd of 8 to White Shadow in a listed race at Ayr on penultimate start (6f, soft).
Selection: YAKIN (nap)

5.20 DOVER HANDICAP (£3,287: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

1 (8) 0223-25 ADMIRALS SECRET 48J (Mrs C Watt) C Wall 4-9-10 ... R Cochrane 91
2 (9) 530010- SIMPLY 8J (D,S) (P Gibbons) F O'Mahony 4-9-10 ... T G McLaughlin (7) –
3 (7) 3105-53 L'UOMO CLASSICS 14 (F,S) (Mrs J Blyth) R Rowe 6-9-10 ... A Clark 89
4 (1) 0/01238- TEMPELHOF 25J (F) (D Satchell) Miss J Doyle 4-9-5 ... D Harrison (3) 91
5 (2) 546/000- JULFAAR 363 (D,F) (The Octel Partnership) J Pearce 6-9-3 ... G Bardwell –
6 (10) 5640-00 POST IMPRESSIONIST 12 (J Furlong) J Pearce 4-9-1 ... F Norton 90
7 (12) 066- PRINCESS ERMYN 211 (J Daniels) M Dixon 4-9-1 ... Dale Gibson 80
8 (4) 1342-01 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 7 (C,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-1 (4ex) ... D McCabe (7) 94
9 (3) 050/56-0 BLACKPATCH HILL 12 (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 4-9-0 ... W Carson –
10 (15) 660-000 ROCK THE BARNEY 10 (Mrs S Marks) P Burgoyne 4-8-9 ... B Rouse 86
11 (13) 423300 EL DOMINIO 14 (G,S) (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-8 ... J Reid 90
12 (5) 3604-2 STATE OF AFFAIRS 12 (F) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-8-5 ... R Hills 92
13 (11) 54000/0 ILDERTON ROAD 53J (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 6-8-1 ... D Wright (7) –
14 (18) 222202 KILLICK 17 (T Wallace) A Bailey 5-8-1 ... J Quinn 95
15 (17) 306201 TENAYESTELIGN 8 (G,S) (G King) D Marks 5-7-13 (4ex) ... S Dawson 99
16 (6) 4504-21 PRESTON GUILD 13 (D,G) (Lady Matthews) R Williams 3-7-9 ... N Adams 90
17 (14) 660-3 EARLY TO RISE 22 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-7-8 ... D Biggs 80
18 (16) 402000- QUALITAIR MEMORY 10J (Jackett & Holdstock) J Akehurst 4-7-7 ... J Perez 83

BETTING: 5-1 Broughton's Tango, 6-1 State Of Affairs, Tenayestelign, 7-1 Preston Guild, 8-1 Admirals Secret, 10-1 L'Uomo Classics, 12-1 Early To Rise, 14-1 Killick, 16-1 others.

1992: BOLD RESOLUTION 4-8-4 G Carter (16-1) C Cyzer 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADMIRALS SECRET 11½l 5th of 13 to Sirtelimar in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m, standard). L'UOMO CLASSICS 10¾l 3rd of 15 to Alderbrook in a handicap here (1m 1f 110yd, soft). BROUGHTON'S TANGO beat Rosgill 5l in a 13-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 4f 110yd, soft). STATE OF AFFAIRS head 2nd of 11 to Day Of History in a handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good). KILLICK ½l 2nd of 12 to Nobby Barnes in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m, standard). TENAYESTELIGN beat Leguard Express a neck in an 18-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 3l, soft). PRESTON GUILD beat Broughtons Formula a neck in a 15-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good).
Selection: BROUGHTON'S TANGO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns.	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	4	6	66.7	W Carson	9	35	25.7
L Cottrell	4	13	30.8	R Cochrane	32	142	22.5
P Cole	13	61	21.3	Paul Eddery	16	96	16.7
J Fanshawe	3	15	20.0	T Quinn	22	140	15.7
P Felgate	3	17	17.6	M Roberts	9	61	14.8
J Akehurst	4	24	16.7	R Perham	4	28	14.3

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.00 Major Bush. 2.35 Elite Reg. 3.05 No Grandad. 3.35 Captain Ahab. 4.05 WOODY WILL (nap). 4.35 Buonarroti.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 ELITE REG.

GOING: SOFT SIS

2.00 LISKEARD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,586: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 6021 MAJOR BUSH 10 (CD,S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-9 ... M Pitman
2 0 CELTIC TOWN 122 O Sherwood 5-11-2 ... J Osborne
3 32 FALCONBRIDGE BAY 42 C Wildman 5-11-2 ... P Holley
4 0PP2 GHIA GNEUIAGH 29 N Twiston-Davies 7-11-2 ... D Bridgwater
5 F OTTER MILL 10 D Carter 5-11-2 ... G Bradley
6 00P ALLIED'S TEAM 28 J Joseph 5-10-11 ... D Skyrme
7 06 BEAMLEY BROOK 8 K Bailey 5-10-11 ... J Railton
8 0 GREENHILL GO ON 29 B Millman 8-10-11 ... N Hawke
9 -540 KICSAMLYN 10 C Smith 8-10-11 ... A Maguire
10 2P52 PRUDENT PEGGY 10 R Frost 6-10-11 ... J Frost
11 -PP0 STORMY SUNSET 96 W Dennis 6-10-11 ... Mr N Moore (7)
12 CLERIHUE P Hobbs 4-10-5 ... Peter Hobbs

6-4 Major Bush, 3-1 Ghia Gneuiagh, 6-1 Kicsamlyn, 8-1 Prudent Peggy, 10-1 Falconbridge Bay, 12-1 Beamley Brook, Celtic Town, 16-1 others.

2.35 ST AUSTELL NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,628: 2m 1f) (15)

1 1062 FATHER RALPH 61 (S) D Gandolfo 7-12-2 ... P Holley
2 114P ELITE REG 89 (B,D,BF,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
3 0044 BILBO BAGGINS 26 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-7 ... M Pitman
4 6212 MECADO 10 (V,G,S) F Yardley 6-11-6 ... D Gallagher
5 4014 AL HAAL 98 (BF) J Joseph 4-11-2 ... D Skyrme
6 P0 COMBAT ZONE 34 P Leach 9-11-1 ... C Maude
7 5042 FASTBIT 8 C Jackson 8-11-1 ... W Humphreys
8 4331 PEACOCK FEATHER 8 (CD,S) K Burke 5-11-1 ... J Lodder
9 /300 CHARLY PHARLY 10 (B) B Llewellyn 6-10-13 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
10 0P6 RAMPAL 6 D Wintle 4-10-13 ... W Marston (3)
11 0PPP ROUGH CUT 8 (B) R Juckes 8-10-13 ... N Juckes (7)
12 P/0 SOUTH BAR 10 R Frost 8-10-10 ... J Frost
13 -5P0 BRYANSBI 222 Mrs J Wonnacott 9-10-7 ... D Salter (7)
14 0-00 TEN DEEP 34 G Giddings 8-10-6 ... I Lawrence
15 0 SPORT OF FOOLS 8 W Reed 4-10-0 ... N Hawke

7-4 Elite Reg, 9-2 Father Ralph, 6-1 Al Haal, Mecado, 8-1 Peacock Feather, 12-1 Bilbo Baggins, Fastbit, 14-1 Charly Pharly, 16-1 Rampal, 20-1 others.

3.05 POLRUAN HANDICAP CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,316: 3m 2f 110yd) (10)

1 F0U3 TRUSTY FRIEND 61 (CD,G,S) J Edwards 11-11-10 A Farrant (5)
2 2136 SKINNHILL 8 (B,BF,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 9-11-5 ... A Thornton (3)
3 0224 NO GRANDAD 5 (D,S) J Upson 9-11-4 ... T Byrne (7)
4 3304 ARCTIC TEAL 29 (B,C,D,F,G,S) O Sherwood 9-11-3 J Durkan (3)
5 0-P3 LEAGAUNE 10 (S) T Casey 11-11-0 ... T Jenks (5)
6 6030 MISTER CHRISTIAN 17 (B,CD,G,S) P Nicholls 12-10-8 ... E James (7)
7 3223 UNDER OFFER 8 (B,G,S) J King 12-10-4 ... C Hancock (7)
8 25PP SECRET RITE 10 (D,G,S) J Gifford 10-10-2 ... T McCarthy (7)
9 -F02 ROCKMOUNT ROSE 10 R Rowe 8-10-0 ... J Luck (7)
10 5P0P IMPECCABLE TIMING 48 (S) O O'Neill 10-10-0 ... A Mitchell (7)

7-2 No Grandad, 4-1 Arctic Teal, 5-1 Under Offer, 6-1 Mister Christian, Trusty Friend, 7-1 Skinnhill, 10-1 Leagaune, 12-1 Secret Rite, 14-1 others.

3.35 LOSTWITHIEL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,806: 3m 3f) (18)

1 2331 ON THE SAUCE 8 (B,F,S) M Pipe 6-11-12 (7ex) D Richmond (5)
2 0500 LESBET 10 (F) C Wildman 8-11-10 ... V Slattery (3)
3 P-PP DUNAVARRA MILL 181 (C,S) M Saunders 7-11-9 ... S Mackey
4 00-1 ARRAN VIEW 10 (S) B Llewellyn 7-11-0 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
5 4P34 RAMLOSA 10 D Burrows 9-10-12 ... R Davis (5)
6 200P DUCKHAVEN 10 (B,C,G,S) R Baker 10-10-12 ... W Irvine
7 02PF WALDORF T BEAGLE 10 (B) C Egerton 7-10-10 ... J Osborne
8 P645 MIRAMAC 10 (F,G,S) R Frost 12-10-10 ... J Frost
9 P053 CAPTAIN AHAB 35 (F) J White 9-10-10 ... A Maguire
10 433F CRAZY HORSE DANCER 29 (G) F Jordan 5-10-9 ... J Lodder
11 0662 YANBU 10 (C,F,S) J Taplin 8-10-8 ... M Hourigan (3)
12 5UUU CARSWELL'S CHOICE 63 (F) J Honeyball 10-10-4 ... Miss T Honeyball (7)
13 /3-0 DRESS UP 10 N Ayliffe 9-10-4 ... E Tierney
14 P40F CEDARS ROSSLARE 4 (B) R Frost 8-10-3 ... R Darke (7)
15 4613 TRUST DEED 62 (BF) Mrs A Knight 5-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
16 6000 FORCELLO 10 (B,S) F Hollis 10-10-0 ... D Salter (7)
17 6-0P KILTONGA 28 (G) P Leach 6-10-0 ... C Maude
18 00P PIEEEMEAL 17 W Wightman 7-10-0 ... Peter Hobbs

9-4 On The Sauce, 5-1 Trust Deed, 6-1 Arran View, 8-1 Captain Ahab, Yanbu, 10-1 Lesbet, 14-1 Crazy Horse Dancer, Duckhaven, 16-1 Miramac, 20-1 others.

4.05 FOWEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£1,862: 2m 5f) (14)

1 -520 PRIMITIVE SINGER 67 (F,S) Miss H Knight 5-11-10 ... A Maguire
2 PF13 CITY KID 8 (D,G) J Gifford 8-11-4 ... P Hide (5)
3 P312 WOODY WILL 8 (D,BF,F) O Sherwood 7-11-3 ... J Osborne
4 0P/P TYRED N'SNOCKERD 13 (B,D,G,S) P Hedger 9-11-1 ... D O'Sullivan (3)
5 44U2 THE MASTER GUNNER 8 (G,S) K Bailey 9-10-12 ... R Davis (5)
6 3F51 PINTAIL BAY 10 (B,C,F,S) C Brooks 7-10-12 ... G Bradley
7 P-31 TAMMY'S FRIEND 8 (S) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-11 (6ex) ... M Pitman
8 PP55 BLAKEINGTON 8 (B) N Mitchell 7-10-8 ... D Meade (7)
9 6526 CLARE LAD 13 (C,F,G,S) D Wintle 10-10-7 ... W Marston (3)
10 -500 MURPHY STREET 52 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-5 ... C Llewellyn
11 FP02 BENJAMIN LANCASTER 10 (C,S) T Hallett 9-10-5 N Downs (7)
12 /PP2 FOUR FROM THE EDGE 8 P Pritchard 10-10-5 ... Dr P Pritchard
13 40F5 DARK DEEP DAWN 66 J Upson 6-10-5 ... R Supple
14 334P IN THE ZONE 17 W Wightman 8-10-5 ... Peter Hobbs

3-1 Woody Will, 4-1 Pintail Bay, 5-1 City Kid, The Master Gunner, 6-1 Tammy's Friend, 10-1 Primitive Singer, 12-1 Dark Deep Dawn, 14-1 others.

4.35 ST BLAZEY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,074: 2m 6f) (15)

1 4P-P GOLDEN CELTIC 58 (D,G,S) Miss H Knight 9-11-13 ... J Osborne
2 F501 SNOWY LANE 8 (V,S) M Pipe 5-11-9 (6ex) ... A Maguire
3 00-0 SPANISH SERVANT 13 (S) P Hedger 8-11-8 ... L Harvey
4 1045 VADO VIA 4F (CD,G,S) D Wintle 5-11-4 ... R Davis (5)
5 4235 BUONARROTI 59 (D,S) J Old 6-11-4 ... T Grantham
6 14P5 EBONY GALE 31 (D,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-8 ... M Pitman
7 6444 MAD CASANOVA 26 (B,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-10-6 D O'Sullivan (3)
8 -P30 MARDOOD 136 (G) P Leach 8-10-2 ... H Davies
9 0514 MARQUEE CAFE 8 (CD,F,S) J Kirby 9-10-0 ... G Upton
10 0361 FEARSOME 8 (CD,S) K Burke 7-10-0 (6ex) ... J Lodder
11 /022 WISE CUSTOMER 8 (G) Miss T White 9-10-0 ... Mr J Rees
12 0200 MARINERS SECRET 70 R Brazington 7-10-0 ... R J Beggan
13 446P NYCHURCH 166 J Joseph 7-10-0 ... D Skyrme
14 1-06 PECHE D'OR 59 (CD,F,G,S) H Haynes 9-10-0 ... W Marston (3)
15 0525 TIARUM 222 (C,F,G,S) N Thomson 11-10-0 ... J Neaves (7)

5-2 Snowy Lane, 7-1 Buonarroti, 8-1 Ebony Gale, Marquee Cafe, Wise Customer, 10-1 Fearsome, Vado Via, 12-1 Mad Casanova, Mardood, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; R O'Sullivan, 6 from 15, 40.0%; K Bailey, 8 from 23, 34.8%; M Pipe, 122 from 358, 34.1%; K Burke, 3 from 9, 33.3%; J Edwards, 14 from 43, 32.6%.

JOCKEYS: R J Beggan, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; D O'Sullivan, 4 from 14, 28.6%; G Bradley, 7 from 27, 25.9%; J Lodder, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 96, 17.7%; J Osborne, 6 from 34, 17.6%.

Blinkered first time

FOLKESTONE: 1.50 Yaafoor. 2.20 Mon Petitnamour.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.20 (6f 15yd) 1, DAILYSPORTDUTCH (N Carlisle, 7-1); 2, Hy Wilma (S Drowne, 12-1); 3, Charity Express (J Carroll, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Always Baileys, 8 Midlin (5th), 10 Toccatella, 14 Magication, Moving Image, 25 Jake The Pako (4th), Final Oak (6th), Becky Boo, 33 Wealthywoo, Gleam of Gold. 13 ran. 1l, 1l, 1½l, 1l, 2l. Miss G Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £11.10; £2.80, £4.60, £1.10. DF: £332.90 CSF: £89.44. No bid.

2.50 (5f 13yd) 1, FOLLOWMEGIRLS (A Garth, 25-1); 2, Arc Lamp (J Fortune, 6-1); 3, Metal Boys (S Wynne, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Little Saboteur (6th), 9-2 Martina, 13-2 Tino Tere (4th), 9 Harry's Coming, 14 The Noble Oak (5th), Sip-A-Snip, 20 Supertativemaximus, 33 Nordoora, 50 Cumbrian Cavalier, Riskmemay. 13 ran. 1l, ½l, ¾l, 2l, 2½l. Mrs A King at Stratford On Avon. Tote: £49.10; £8.70, £2.10, £2.60. DF: £63.60. CSF: £163.07. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, DELVE (Pat Eddery, 8-13 fav); 2, Pearl Angel (L Dettori, 3-1); 3, Rockawhile (W Ryan, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Fairfields Cone (4th). 4 ran. NR: La Raptotte. 3l, nk, 20l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.77.

3.50 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, ALLEGAN (Pat Eddery, 2-7 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Castle Courageous (J Reid, 9-1); 3, Long Silence (P Robinson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Flakey Dove (4th), 33 Northern Rarity (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, 1l, 3l, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.45.

4.20 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, ASIAN PUNTER (N Varley, 16-1); 2, Surkala Shine (Dean McKeown, 10-1); 3, Texan Tycoon (L Dettori, 5-1); 4, Tour Leader (Alex Greaves, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Trojan Lancer, 6 Prince Hannibal, Horizon, 9 Dawn Flight, 14 Shujan, 16 Famous Beauty, Chucklestone, 20 High Grade, 25 Provence (5th), Peak District (6th), 33 Nearctic Bay, 50 Noble Society. 16 ran. Sh hd, 2½l, nk, 2l, 1½l. A Hide at Newmarket. Tote: £28.60; £2.60, £4.70, £1.70, £6.00. DF: £204.00. CSF: £158.22. Tricast: £847.92.

4.50 (1m 54yd) 1, IMPERIAL BALLET (Pat Eddery, 4-7 fav); 2, Pater Noster (L Dettori, 5-2); 3, Beware Of Agents (Dean McKeown, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Well Appointed (5th), 50 Vanborough Lad (4th). 5 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 3l, ½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.30.

5.20 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, JAZILAH (W Ryan, 7-2 fav); 2, Swift Silver (J Reid, 6-1); 3, Marchman (Pat Eddery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Here He Comes (4th), 13-2 Glide Path (6th), 7 Westfield Moves (5th), 8 Acheious, 14 Saint Ciel, Young George, 16 Hitzah, 25 Maple Bay, 33 Wrets, Merls Pearl, 50 Seemenomore. 14 ran. 2l, 1l, ¾l, 2½l, 3l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £4.50; £2.60, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £21.20. CSF: £24.91. Tricast: £218.21.

Placepot: £143.40.

Brighton

Going: good

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1, Palacegate Gold (W Carson, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Cockerham Ranger (6-1); 3, Purbeck Centenary (7-1). Serious Hurry 5-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. 1l, sh hd. R Hodges. Tote: £5.20; £2.00, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £9.70. CSF: £38.32. Tricast: £202.77. 1min 3.50sec.

2.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Spinning (R Cochrane, 1-11 fav); 2, Durshan (12-1); 3, La Reine Rouge (25-1). 3 ran. 6l, 25l. I Balding. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.47. 2min 33.30sec.

3.00 (7f 214yd) 1, Woodwardia (D Holland, 5-4 fav); 2, Green Kilt (11-2); 3, Scorched Air (12-1). 17 ran. Nk, 5l. B Hills. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £2.10, £2.50. DF: £5.40. CSF: £9.93.

3.30 (7f 214yd) 1, Belmoredean (J Weaver, 7-1); 2, Buddy's Friend (8-1); 3, Salbyng (15-2); 4, Precious Air (15-2). Dancing Beau 13-2 fav. 17 ran. ½l, 1l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £6.90; £2.50, £2.20, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £25.40. CSF: £64.77. Tricast: £413.68.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, Shikari's Son (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, Hard To Figure (Evens fav); 3, Brigade (7-2). 5 ran. 4l, 5l. J White. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £6.95. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.30 (6f 209yd) 1, Millsolin (T Quinn, 11-2); 2, Tynan Purple (14-1); 3, Caleman (7-1). Domicksky 7-2 fav. 11 ran. Hd, 1l. R Akehurst. Tote: £5.60; £1.80, £2.50, £4.80. DF: £49.70. CSF: £72.25. Tricast: £502.30.

5.00 (5f 213yd) 1, Another Jade (S Whitworth, 3-1); 2, Second Chance (9-4 fav); 3, No Extras (8-1). 12 ran. 2l, 3½l. A Jarvis. Tote: £4.30; £1.30, £1.30, £4.10. DF: £4.10. CSF: £10.58. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £14.90.

Edinburgh

Going: soft

2.10 (5f) 1, Cyrama Quinn (G Duffield, 11-8 fav); 2, The Fernhill Flyer (3-1); 3, En-Cee-Tee (16-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 1½l. M Channon. Tote: £1.80; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.55.

2.40 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, The Where Withal (G Duffield, 11-10 fav); 2, Buzz-B-Babe (33-1); 3, Palacegate Sunset (5-2). 8 ran. 1½l, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £9.80, £1.40. DF: £10.10. CSF: £30.11. Tricast: £78.13.

3.10 (1m 16yd) 1, Raggerty (G Carter, 14-1); 2, Maasincht (5-2 jt-fav); 3, North Ardar (7-2). Mad Mytton 5-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. 1l, 2l. J Berry. Tote: £9.90; £2.70, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £9.20. CSF: £46.77.

3.40 (7f 15yd) 1, Gallery Artist (S Eiffert, 4-1); 2, Chantry Bellini (9-1); 3, Hinari Video (6-1). Cool Enough 7-2 fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, 8l. R Guest. Tote: £5.70; £2.20, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £17.90. CSF: £39.56. Tricast: £203.47.

4.10 (7f 15yd) 1, Qamooos (R Hills, 1-6 fav); 2, Killy's Filly (8-1); 3, Runnig (9-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 3l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.27.

4.40 (7f 15yd) 1, Silver Standard (G Duffield, 100-30); 2, Peedie Peat (5-4 fav); 3, Public Way (3-1). 4 ran. 2½l, ½l. J Watts. Tote: £4.90. DF: £3.30. CSF: £8.45.

Placepot: £49.30.

☐ Middle Park Stakes winner Zieten, trained by André Fabre, will run in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains after winning at Longchamp yesterday.

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Shadow of Hong Kong looms large on world stage


Harriman: maturity

David Hands looks back on a Rugby World Cup Sevens tournament that was a triumph for the players and reflected the game's growing pains

Now that the sevens circus has left town, International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) delegates can get down to serious business in Edinburgh preparing for their annual meeting. But they may care to reflect on the pros and cons of the miniaturised game which mirror faithfully the growing pains of an amateur game moving deeper into a professional environment.

The Rugby World Cup (RWC) Sevens were a success because of the final-day sequence of results and the unremitting commitment of players from all 24 competing countries. It will be no surprise to those players that they left Scotland yesterday to the sound of administrative recriminations between the Scottish Rugby Union — hosts for the three-day tournament — and RWC commercial representatives because players have become immune to the limitations of those who run the game.

Whether a second world sevens will be played has yet to be decided: the IRFB agreed to only one tournament, though accepting the principle of a four-year event interspersed with the World Cup proper. When the board holds its interim meeting in November and can study the returns from Edinburgh it is likely to decide that Hong Kong in 1997 will be the place for England, the country that has never sent a national team to the Hong Kong sevens, to defend the Melrose Cup.

The shadow of the Hong Kong tournament loomed large at Murrayfield. Joe Sawailu, the Fijian manager, accused the RWC organisers of learning too little from the world's premier sevens tournament which his team has become so accustomed — too accustomed? — to winning. David Campese, who says he will not play sevens again ("I'm getting too old to turn and chase with all the young guys coming after me") believes it to be the natural venue for a world tournament. Bob Dwyer, Australia's coach, rated the WRC sevens a harder tournament, but that was partly because of regulations that made it so. Scotland's organisers did a marvellous job in ensuring the tournament ran to time (occasionally in front of it), although the risk of injury to players may have been increased thereby. The teams, too, seemed uniformly happy with the arrangements made for them — happier, at any rate, than the paying public, who had to contend not only with the weather but limited refreshment facilities and, on the final day, hugely over-priced tickets and limited access to information on how to obtain them. A regular complaint was the absence of publicity for the tournament.

What of the play? In domestic terms, even had England not made such a phenomenal success of their scratch VII, Ireland would have filled the void left by the sad demise of Scotland and Wales. "There is no mystery about sevens," Noel Murphy, Ireland's manager, said. "It's down to working for each other and the ability to keep going.

"This tournament improved our handling, it showed our players we could live with the best and we have benefited from the exposure. If we were picking a Lions VII we might get more than two players in it." Murphy's gentle dig at the Lions selectors underlined how Ireland's season has been reversed and the pleasure that has brought to folk at home.

Andrew Harriman, England's articulate captain, believed South Africa to be the best VII his team played. Harriman himself, relegated to the role of "sevens expert" prematurely after his solitary cap in 1988, led England with maturity, skill and personal example. It was Campese who, on Saturday night, wrote off Harriman's defensive skills: it was Harriman on Sunday whose tackles denied, among others, Dick Muir, of South Africa, when it was most needed, a thunderous effort equalled by David Scully, the Wakefield scrum half, to halt Mesake Rasari in his tracks and stem the Fijian tide in the semi-final.

Scully's effort won him the award yesterday of the finest moment of the tournament from Famous Grouse, the main sponsoring company whose support for rugby will extend to the 1995 World Cup. Harriman's opening try of the final against Australia was rated the best of the tournament, while Ireland, fittingly, were named the best unseeded team after their achievement of reaching the semi-finals.

The sadness is that these England players who have shared so much will not do so again unless they can reform unofficially for a tournament such as the Punta del Este Sevens in Uruguay, next January. The organisers, the British Schools Old Boys Club of Montevideo, are desperately keen to attract good players from England to their exotic location. But such as Nick Beal, Lawrence Dalaglio and Matt Dawson have discovered a lot about themselves they did not know; they will be better players for it.

Mansell cautious as countdown begins to ultimate challenge

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

WITH a shrug of the shoulders and a few reflections about the inestimable value of the 15 championship points he gained here, Nigel Mansell forgot about Sunday's self-styled grand prix and looked ahead with trepidation to the "one million days of May".

The phrase is not his. It was coined by the hyperactive Newman-Haas public relations officer, Michael Knight, to describe the laborious business of qualifying for and taking part in the showpiece of the IndyCar series, the Indianapolis 500, and to sum up the accumulation of tension that rises in teams and drivers.

Al Unser Jnr appears to be looking forward to the race with a little more relish. Last year's winner, he was forced to retire from Sunday's contest here after Mansell appeared to squeeze him into the wall as Unser tried to overtake him on the 54th lap.

"I've never seen anybody block me as bad as Nigel blocked me today," Unser said. "He parked me against the wall, but what goes around comes around."

Mansell, whose third place behind the young Canadian, Paul Tracy, and the reigning IndyCar champion, Bobby Rahal, restored him to the lead in the championship, refused to rise to the implied threat. "He went for a make-or-bust manoeuvre and he went bust," he said.

By that stage, Mansell's thoughts were clearly leaping forward towards Indianapolis, the famous "Brickyard" stadium he has never seen and the endless hype that accompanies the build-up.

Before he lines up for the race, run around a 2.5-mile oval, the reigning Formula One world champion will have to undergo a three-day "rookie orientation" test, then brace himself for a drawn-out round of practice and qualifying before race day, May 30.

Mansell is still chastened by his first competitive experience on an oval, when he slammed his car backwards into a concrete wall during practice at Phoenix a fortnight ago.

His third place on Sunday, achieved in the face of mechanical problems and the lingering effects of the crash, have not erased his memories of the accident or undone the lessons he learnt.

"I have to educate myself before and during the build-up to Indianapolis," he said yesterday. " I want to do a quiet, solid job and not to set the world alight. I will not run flat out until I have to."

The requirement to take part in the rookie test, which involves running a series of laps at given speeds well below those Mansell is capable of and even sitting in a classroom to be taught the traditions of the race, used to irk another former British Formula One world champion and Indianapolis winner, the late Jim Clark. But Mansell said: "It will be hard for me to stifle my competitive instincts, but if that is the rule, so be it. Anyway, when you have backed your car into a wall at 185 mph, it changes your view of things."

With Tracy emerging as the most serious threat to Mansell's attempt at becoming the first Briton to claim titles in Formula One and IndyCar, Mansell the Englishman may have to reassess his attitude to ovals.

Tracy, who drives for the formidable Penske team, is skilled on both oval and street circuits, and Mansell may not be able to rely on picking up maximum points on the roads and consolidating his lead in the six races run on ovals.


Californian wave: Nigel Mansell after Sunday's race at Long Beach with Paul Tracy, the winner, left, and Bobby Rahal, the runner-up

RESULTS

United States unless stated

1, P Tracy (Can), Penske-Chevrolet, 105 laps, 1hr 47min 36.418sec; 2, B Rahal, Rahal-Hogan Chevrolet, 105, 12.658sec behind; 3, N Mansell (GB), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 105; 4, T Fabi (It), Lola-Chevrolet, 105; 5, R Guerrero, Lola-Chevrolet, 104; 6, R Buhl, 1992 Lola-Chevrolet, 104; 7, S Pruett, 1991 Lola-Chevrolet, 103; 8, D Sullivan, Lola-Chevrolet, 103; 9, E Cheever, 1992 Penske-Chevrolet, 103; 10, M Smith, 1991 Penske-Chevrolet, 103; 11, A Luyendyk (Holl), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 103; 12, R Boesel (Br), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 102; 13, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske-Chevrolet, 102; 14, H Matsushita (Japan), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 102; 15, R Bentley (Can), 1992 Lola-Chevrolet, 101. Overall positions: 1, Mansell, 36pts; 2, M Andretti (US), 33; 3, Fabi, 26; 4, Rahal, 24; 5, Boesel, 22; 6, Tracy, 21.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton 1, Chelsea 1; Millwall 1, Charlton 1, Wimbledon 0, Fulham 0. Second division: Torquay 3, Cardiff 0.

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Third round: Canada 3, Honduras 1; Mexico 3, El Salvador 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Play-off: First leg: Waterford 2, Monaghan 2.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Llanelli 2, Mold 0

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting 5, Chaves 0.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro tournament: Second round: Flamengo 4, America 2; Botafogo 0, Americano 0; Fluminense 5, Olaria 0; Bangu 2, Bonsucesso 1; São Cristovao 0, Ilaperuna 0. São Paulo championship: First stage: Group A: Bragantino 0, Rio Branco 2; Guarani 0, Corinthians 1; Juventus 1, Ponte Preta 1; Marilia 0, Ituano 2; Mogi Mirim 4, Noroeste 2; Portuguesa 4, Uniao São João 0; Santos 2, XV de Piracicaba 1; São Paulo 2, Palmeiras 0. Group B: Catanduvense 2, Internacional/Limeira 1; Ferroviaria 1, São Jose 0; Novodzantina 1, Botafogo/Ribeirao Preto 0, Santo Andre 1, America/São Paulo 1; São Caetano 2, Olimpia 0; SÕocarlense 3, Aracatuba 0; XV de Jáu 0, Tequrritinga 2.

WOMEN'S RESULTS: League Cup: Semi-finals: Wimbledon 2, Arsenal 4; Knowsley United 5, Leasowe Pacific 4. Premier division: Bronte 0, Doncaster 6; Millwall 1, Red Star Southampton 0. First division north: Nottingham Argyle 0, Cowgate Kestrels 2, Wolverhampton 6, Sunderland 0. First division south: Bristol Backwell 3, Oxford 4; District Line 7, Hemel Hempstead 2, Epsom and Ewell 6, Brighton 0; Hassocks 1, Town and County 0.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 4, Colorado Rockies 2, Cincinnati Reds 3, New York Mets 2; Philadelphia Phillies 11, Chicago Cubs 10 (11 inns); Houston Astros 3, Florida Marlins 0; San Diego Padres 10, St Louis Cardinals 6; San Francisco Giants 13, Atlanta Braves 12 (11 inns). Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia Phillies	9	3	.750	—
Pittsburgh Pirates	7	5	.583	2
St Louis Cardinals	7	5	.583	2
New York Mets	6	5	.555	2½
Chicago Cubs	6	6	.500	3
Montreal Expos	6	6	.500	3
Florida Marlins	4	8	.333	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco Giants	8	5	.615	—
Houston Astros	7	5	.583	½
Atlanta Braves	7	7	.500	1½
Los Angeles Dodgers	6	7	.462	2
San Diego Padres	5	7	.417	2½
Colorado Rockies	4	7	.364	3
Cincinnati Reds	3	9	.250	4½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Sunday: Boston Red Sox 4, Chicago White Sox 0; Texas Rangers 12, New York Yankees 2; Baltimore Orioles 4, California Angels 3; Cleveland Indians 6, Toronto Blue Jays 5; Detroit Tigers 8, Seattle Mariners 7; Milwaukee Brewers 8, Oakland Athletics 0; Kansas City Royals 5, Minnesota Twins 4.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Red Sox	9	3	.750	—
Detroit Tigers	7	4	.636	1½
Toronto Blue Jays	6	5	.545	2½
New York Yankees	6	6	.500	3
Milwaukee Brewers	4	5	.444	3½
Cleveland Indians	5	7	.417	4
Baltimore Orioles	4	7	.364	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas Rangers	8	3	.727	—
California Angels	6	4	.600	1½
Minnesota Twins	6	5	.545	2
Chicago White Sox	5	6	.455	3
Oakland Athletics	4	6	.400	3½
Seattle Mariners	4	7	.364	4
Kansas City Royals	3	9	.250	5½

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 103, Chicago Bulls 94; Orlando Magic 88, Boston Celtics 79; Portland Trail Blazers 105, San Antonio Spurs 101; Indiana Pacers 108, Milwaukee Bucks 98; Los Angeles Lakers 115, Golden State Warriors 112. Denver Nuggets 94, Los Angeles Clippers 83; Philadelphia 76ers 106, Minnesota Timberwolves 79.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
* New York Knicks	56	22	.718	—
† Boston Celtics	45	34	.570	11½
† New Jersey Nets	43	36	.544	13½
Orlando Magic	38	40	.487	18
Miami Heat	35	43	.449	21
Philadelphia 76ers	25	53	.321	31
Washington Bullets	22	56	.282	34

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
† Chicago Bulls	55	23	.705	—
† Cleveland Cavaliers	51	27	.654	4
Charlotte Hornets	41	38	.519	14½
Atlanta Hawks	40	38	.513	15
Indiana Pacers	40	38	.513	15
Detroit Pistons	38	40	.487	17
Milwaukee Bucks	28	51	.354	27½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
* Houston Rockets	53	25	.680	—
† San Antonio Spurs	47	31	.603	5½
† Utah Jazz	45	33	.577	8
Denver Rockets	34	45	.430	19½
Minnesota Twolves	18	60	.231	35
Dallas Mavericks	9	69	.115	44

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
$ Phoenix Suns	60	18	.769	—
† Seattle SuperSonics	52	26	.667	8
† Portland Trail Blazers	49	29	.628	11
† Los Angeles Clippers	39	40	.494	21½
† Los Angeles Lakers	37	41	.474	23
Golden State Warriors	32	46	.410	28
Sacramento Kings	24	54	.308	36

* clinched division title
† clinched play-off berth.
$ clinched conference title

CYCLING

LIÉGE: World Cup race (262km): 1, R Sorensen (Den), 7hr 14mn 8sec, 2, A Rominger (Switz), 1sec behind; 3, M Fondriest (It), 21; 4, J Nevens (Bel), same time; 5, M Argentin (It), 37; 6, C Chiappucci (It), 1:05. World Cup standings after four races: 1, Fondriest, 87pts; 2, J Museeuw (Bel), 75; 3, Sorensen, 68; and F Ballerini (It), 65.

SARAGOSSA, Spain: Tour of Aragon: Sixth stage: 1, M Mauri (Sp), 3hr 19min 5 sec; 2, F Bontempi (It), same time; 3, J Weltz (Den), same time. Overall: 1, A Gutierrez (Sp), 24hr 57min 41sec; 2, P De Clerq (Bel), 3sec behind; 3, M Mauri (Sp), 12sec behind

ETON FIVES

LUDGROVE: Kinnaird Cup amateur championship: Final: R Mason and J Mole bt M Moore and G Dunbar, 12-4, 12-4, 9-12, 12-3

GOLF

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: Heritage Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 273: D Edwards, 68, 66, 70, 69. 275: D Frost (SA), 67, 67, 70, 71. 277: I Baker-Finch (Aus), 68, 70, 69, 70; F Zoeller, 70, 69, 68, 70; D Pooley, 67, 70, 70, 70; M McCumber, 68, 68, 70, 71; P Azinger, 70, 66, 66, 73. 278: G Morgan, 71, 72, 69, 66; T Lehman, 70, 70, 70, 68; S Pate, 71, 67, 68, 72; J Cook, 69, 67, 69, 73. 279: R Estes, 66, 67, 75, 69; J Sluman, 68, 69, 70, 72; L Wadkins, 66, 70, 70, 73; J Mudd, 69, 66, 69, 73. 280: B Langer (Ger), 69, 65, 74, 72; K Gibson, 74, 64, 72, 70; R Fehr, 71, 68, 70, 71; P Jacobsen, 70, 70, 67, 73. 281: K Perry, 69, 70, 72, 70; H Irwin, 68, 70, 71, 72; S Hoch, 68, 73, 69, 71; W Andrade, 70, 69, 70, 72; L Janzen, 71, 66, 70, 74.

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida: US PGA seniors championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 275: T Wargo, 68, 69, 67, 70. B Crampton, 73, 67, 69, 66 (won at second extra hole) 276: I Aoki (Japan), 72, 67, 69, 71. 281: R Charles (NZ), 74, 67, 72, 68; T Weiskopf, 73, 64, 72, 72. 282: M Hill, 72, 71, 72, 67. 283: O Moody, 72, 70, 71, 70, J Albus, 70, 68, 73, 72. Other scores: 291: T Horton (GB), 74, 73, 70, 74. 299: B Huggett (GB), 74, 75, 78, 72.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Finals: Veterans Cup: St Albans 2, Maidenhead 4. Super Veterans' Cup: Reading 3, Wimbledon 1. Fifth Team: Richmond 0, Surbiton 1. Fourth team: Surbiton 1, Richmond 1 (Richmond won 5-3 on penalty strokes.) Third team: Southgate 2, Reading 6.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): First round play-offs: St Louis Blues 4, Chicago Blackhawks 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 3, New Jersey Devils 3; Los Angeles Kings 4, Calgary Flames 3; Buffalo Sabres 5, Boston Bruins 4 (OT); Washington Capitals 3, New York Islanders 1; Quebec Nordiques 3, Montreal Canadiens 2 (OT).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Munich: Pool A: Canada 2, Switzerland 0; Sweden 1, Austria 0. Dortmund: Pool B: United States 1, Czech Republic 1.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Championship: Quarter-final round: Fife Flyers 3, Nottingham Panthers 10; Humberside Seahawks 2, Cardiff Devils 5; Murrayfield Racers 12, Billingham Bombers 7; Whitley Warriors 11, Bracknell Bees 4. Promotion/relegation play-offs: Durham Wasps 6, Basingstoke Beavers 5; Milton Keynes Kings 3, Sheffield Steelers 5; Romford Raiders 10, Swindon Wildcats 5; Slough Jets 6, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 10.

LACROSSE

MELBOURNE: International match: Australia 4, England 5.

GUNNERSBURY PARK: England President's Team 14, BUSF 10.

MOTOCROSS

MONS: Belgian 125cc grand prix: Overall: 1, D Strijbos (Holl), 60pts; 2, P Tragter (Holl), 47; 3, R Van Rees (Holl), 43. World championship standings (after two rounds): 1, Tragter, 77; 2, Strijbos, 75, 3, M Pichon (Fr), 55.

PAYERNE: Swiss 250cc grand prix: Overall: 1, G Aberlyn (SA), 82pts; 2, R Moore (US), 42; 3, T Parker (US), 41. World championship positions (after four rounds): 1, Aberlyn, 209; 2, S Everts (Bel), 163; 3, D Schmit (US), 147.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: London Irish 65, Morley 27.

SNOOKER

WOKING: Forte Hotels women's world championship: Fifth round: A Fisher (Eng) bt L Gordon (Eng), 5-0.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Sunday: First division: Eastbourne 82, Kings Lynn 26. Second division: Rye House 62, Peterborough 46.

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division. NFD Grove 8, Team Peniel 3; Bath 9, Vymura 3; Launceston 7, St Neots 7.

TENNIS

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: United States men's clay-court championship: Final: H de la Pena (Arg) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

CHURCH GRESLEY: All England mixed fours championship: Quarter-finals: Kingsthorpe (M D Sharpe) bt Desborough (P Hooper), 15-13, Peterborough (D Ward) bt Nottingham (J Whitcombe), 19-15; Tye Green (S Bloomfield) bt County Arms (B Taylor), 19-12; Athenley (P A Line) bt Paddington (S E Halmal), 13-10. Semi-finals: Peterborough bt Kingsthorpe, 15-7; Athenley bt Tye Green, 22-5

POOLS FORECAST

TEAMS at or near the foot of the table often, out of sheer desperation, upset the form book towards the end of the season. The third division clubs, Halifax Town and Torquay United, did so on Saturday with away victories over Bury and Shrewsbury Town respectively. This week, Northampton Town can do almost as well by drawing at Doncaster Rovers. Halifax, Torquay and Northampton are all in danger of going out of the Barclays League.

Wycombe Wanderers, having made certain of a Barclays League place next season, despite losing to Altrincham on Saturday, may take their foot off the pedal in their remaining fixtures, and that will give Telford United the chance to draw with them.

With no Premier League matches, punters have another opportunity to show their non-League expertise. There are 18 such fixtures on the coupon this week. Other confident treble chance choices in this section are Altrincham v Bromsgrove Rovers and Welling United v Gateshead.

Watford's erratic home form should encourage Brentford to salvage a point in their struggle to remain in the first division. Deadlock is also likely at Fulham, who are hosts to Burnley in a mid-table second division encounter.

Saturday April 24
unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Oxford
1 Bristol C v Cambridge
2 Notts Co v Swindon
2 Peterborough v Leicester
X Watford v Brentford
1 West Ham v Bristol R

Not on coupons: Birmingham v Tranmere, Derby v Luton; Millwall v Charlton, Newcastle v Sunderland (Sunday); Portsmouth v Wolves (Sunday); Southend v Grimsby (Friday)

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Stockport
1 Bolton v Chester
2 Bourn'm'th v Leyton O
1 Bradford v Reading
1 Brighton v Rotherham
X Fulham v Burnley
1 Hudd'field v Hull
1 Mansfield v Exeter
X Plymouth v Port Vale
1 Stoke v Preston
1 Swansea v Hartlepool
1 West Brom v Wigan

THIRD DIVISION

1 Crewe v Colchester
X Doncaster v North'pton
1 Lincoln v Bury
2 Rochdale v York
2 Scarboro v Darlington
2 Scunthorpe v Barnet
1 Shrewsbury v Chest'field
1 Wrexham v Carlisle

Not on coupons: Halifax v Walsall, Torquay v Hereford

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X Altrincham v Bromsgrove
X Bath v Stafford
1 Farnboro v Macclesf'd
1 Kettering v Kid'minster
2 Merthyr v Runcorn
1 Northwch v Dagenham
1 Slough v Witton
X Telford v Wycombe
X Welling v Gateshead
1 Woking v Stalybridge
1 Yeovil v Boston

HFS LOANS LGE PREMIER DIVISION

2 Goole v Morecambe
1 Hyde v Colwyn Bay
1 Leek v Emley
X Matlock v Marine
2 Mossley v Accrington
1 Southport v Frickley
1 Winsford v Whitley Bay

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X St Johnst'n v Moth'w'll

SCOTTISH FIRST

2 Ayr v Dumbarton
X Hamilton v Morton
2 Meadowb'k v Dunf'mline
1 Raith v Cowdenb'th
1 St Mirren v Kilmarnock
X Stirling v Clydebank

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Albion v Stenh'muir
2 Alloa v Clyde
X Arbroath v Stranraer
1 Berwick v Queen's Pk
X Brechin v Forfar
1 East Fife v Montrose
2 E Stirling v Queen of Sth

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams only). Watford, Fulham, Plymouth, Doncaster, Altrincham, Bath, Telford, Matlock, Hamilton, Stirling, Arbroath, Brechin.
BEST DRAWS: Watford, Fulham, Doncaster, Telford, Welling
AWAYS: Swindon, Leyton Orient, Darlington, Barnet, Morecambe.
HOMES: West Ham, Bolton, Brighton, Huddersfield, West Bromwich, Wrexham, Kettering, Slough, Yeovil, Southport, Raith, Berwick.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: West Ham, West Bromwich, Yeovil, Southport, Raith. Aways: Leyton Orient, Darlington, Morecambe. Draws: Fulham, Doncaster, Telford.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Premier League
Middlesbrough v Tottenham (7.45) ...

Barclays League
First division
Bristol City v Derby (7.45) .....
Leicester v Southend (7.45) .....
Oxford v Peterborough (7.45) .....

Second division
Swansea v Huddersfield . . . . . .

Third division
Barnet v Bury (7.45) .....
Colchester v Northampton (7.45) ....
Crewe v Scunthorpe . . . . . .
Scarborough v Shrewsbury — — —
Torquay v Lincoln .....

Autoglass Trophy
Area final
Second leg
Stockport v Wigan (all ticket) .....

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Kettering .....
Macclesfield v Runcorn .....
Merthyr v Yeovil .....
Stafford v Bromsgrove .....
Witton v Farnborough .....

Drinkwise Cup
Final
First leg
Northwch v Wycombe .....

Scottish League
Premier division
Airdrie v Hibernian .....
Celtic v Falkirk .....
Dundee v Dundee United .....
Motherwell v Hearts .....
Partick v Aberdeen .....

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays v Stevenage Borough; Hayes v Bognor; Hendon v Harrow; Kingstonian v Wivenhoe; Marlow v Basingstoke. First division: Abingdon Town v Leyton; Wembley v Barking. Second division: Banstead v Worthing, Barton v Saffron Walden; Berkhamsted v Hampton; Hemel Hempstead v Metropolitan Police, Newbury v Harefield, Southall v Tilbury. Third division: Tring v Feltham and Hounslow B

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Goole, Frickley v Droylsden, Morecambe v Bishop Auckland.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v North Ferriby; Ossett Town v Ashfield; Pickering v Ossett Albion; Stocksbridge P S v Maltby MW; Thackley v Armthorpe Welfare.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Salford; Marine Road (Man) v Newcastle; Nantwich v Bradford Park Avenue; Prescot v Bamber Bridge; Skelmersdale v Atherton LR.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings v Corby Town. Midland division: Bedworth v Barn; Gresley Rovers v King's Lynn; R.C. Warwick v Hinckley Town; Tamworth v Forest Green Rovers. Southern division: Buckingham v Dunstable, Burnham v Ashford, Newport, IoW v Erith and Belvedere.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Tiverton; Elmore v Paulton; Plymouth Argyle v Liskeard, Torrington v Exmouth.

BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: Final: Second leg: Dover v Stourbridge

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Final: Bangor v Coleraine (Windsor Park, 7.45).

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Wrexham v Cardiff.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws v Holywell; Maesteg Park v Ebbw Vale (7.15); Llandilo v Connah's Quay.

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Blackburn; Barnsley v Notts Forest; Sunderland v Sheff Wed. Second division: Everton v Blackpool; Preston v Middlesbrough.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Arsenal (7.15); Watford v QPR (7.30); West Ham v Tottenham (2.0)

CRICKET

First day of four

THE OVAL: Surrey 2nd XI v England Under-19.

Final day of three

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBA penta-continental light-middleweight championship: Shaun Cummins (Leicester, holder) v Mickey Hughes (Croydon) (Brentwood Centre).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

JEBUSITES

(c) A semitic people loosely associated with the Canaanites and others with whom the Israelites had to contend when they entered the Promised Land. Their territory included Jerusalem.

LAMECH

(a) and (b) There are two Lamechs in *Genesis*, the one descended from Cain and the other from Seth. The sons of the former were Jabal, Jubal and Tubal-cain. They represented respectively nomad herdsmen, music, and smiths and makers of musical instruments. The second Lamech was the son of Methuselah and father of Noah.

CANDACE

(c) Queen of Ethiopia and owner of a eunuch who was converted and baptised by the deacon Philip. *Acts, viii, 27-8*: "And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship./ Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet." A magical image.

MALCHUS

(b) A servant of the high priest, who was present when Jesus was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane and whose right ear was cut off in the accompanying scuffle. Jesus commanded the assailant, whom John named as Peter, to lay off, and according to Luke healed the ear. In the cathedral at Naumburg the so-called Master of Naumburg carved in the 13th century the betrayal of Jesus in a scene which gives the greatest prominence to the severance of the ear.

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Botham's great adventure reaches final instalment

Alan Lee looks back over a cricketing career that will never be forgotten by a generation of followers in England and Australia

If anything can even now revitalise the dying embers of Ian Botham's cricket career, it will be the arrival in London next Sunday of this summer's Australian touring team. Red rag to the aging bull.

Retirement may be in the mind, but, where Botham and the Australians are concerned, the heart has always ruled the head. Missing the Ashes, to a man who has come as close as anyone to claiming them for his own, would be like having the door slammed in his face at the best party of the year.

There is no reason to doubt that this will be Botham's final year and that he will wish to mark it with something special. In musing on the prospect yesterday, he mentioned winning a trophy for Durham and another cap for England in an Ashes series. It is hard to know which is the longer shot but, with this man, nothing can be ruled out.

Durham's treasurer will be delighted by the news. Early warning of the imminent retirement ensures increased crowds, everyone anxious to catch their own last memories of a legend. The fixture-list has been kind, too, for Durham's last match this summer is against Somerset, with whom Botham spent the best 13 years of his career. Make a note of it now — September 16, but in the prosaic setting of Hartlepool, not Taunton, the scene of many of his triumphs.

So, having given a substantial boost to the new county's first season simply by his coming, Botham will enliven their second with his going. It might almost have been planned, and perhaps, by some in the Durham camp, it was. Not by Botham, though, for until now he has never admitted to even the possibility that his limbs might betray him before he was ready.

Even now, he is nothing if not self-confident. His answer to the question of why he should be chosen for England has always been: "Why not? Who is better than me?"

His jaw-jutting cockiness set him apart, and it has not diminished. He is as confident as ever that he could still do an all-round job against the Australians this summer and, such is his aura and his record, you can rest assured that Allan Border hopes that he is not given the chance.

Border and Botham go back a long way, to the 1978-9 series, when both were young thrusters making their way. By 1981, Botham was captain of England, a misguided appointment which gave him his only failure as an England player but which also produced the most remarkable series of recent memory.

In the third Test at Headingley, freed from the constraints of a job which ill-suited him, Botham played the barely believable innings that transformed the series. At 135 for seven in their second innings, England were still 92 runs behind Australia and on the brink of going 2-0 down in the series. Botham thought otherwise. With trenchant support from Dilley, Old and Willis, he steered England to 356 all out, his own contribution 149 not out. Willis, eyes glazed in trance, had been given the smallest of openings and through it he bowled England to victory by 18 runs. A nation rejoiced.

Two weeks later, Botham did the bowling himself and took five wickets for one run to confound the Australians again, this time at Edgbaston. Then, at Old Trafford, he was to bat even better than he had done at Leeds and, although Border, now a close friend, matched him with a doughty century of his own, England won again. The Ashes were safe.

Botham and Border have crossed swords many times since and, in the late 1980s, they even spent two winters together in the Queensland team, a venture which ended with such a bizarre, mid-air argument between them that Botham ended up in court.

Their friendship was temporarily suspended, but relations are now restored. In the improbable event that the England selectors give Botham his opportunity, he and Border will doubtless drink a toast to mutual retirement some time this summer. If not, they will undoubtedly do it somewhere else, adding to that toast a stinging denunciation of selectors everywhere.



In his pomp: Botham during the 1981 series

Pakistan will struggle to get back on terms

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN PORT-OF-SPAIN

PAKISTAN are fortunate to have in Mudassar Nazar a cricket manager who talks a good deal of sense. He was not looking for excuses yesterday, to account for Pakistan's heavy defeat in the first Test match, other than to say that because of the surfeit of one-day cricket his side have had to play in recent months they are not what he calls "Test fit".

While West Indies have had a hard Test series in Australia this winter, Pakistan's only Test match since last August was against New Zealand on a poor pitch at Hamilton. Most of Pakistan's time has been taken up with one-day internationals. But if this was to the advantage of the West Indians, Mudassar felt the pitch for the Test match here, however unsatisfactory, should have favoured Pakistan.

Mudassar complimented the West Indians on their professionalism, though he considers them to be nothing like as good a side as they were, say, ten years ago, when their bowling was a lot more penetrative.

It has obviously been an unusually dry "dry season" in Trinidad, but that is not a good enough excuse for providing a Test pitch that very soon had holes in it. It was the same for both sides, though, and as happens when the ball deviates so much (eg, Headingley and Melbourne) it made for consistently eventful cricket, in which short-pitched bowling brought no rewards. Of the 40 wickets to fall, 17 were leg-before, seven caught at slip and five behind the wicket, all off balls that moved around and were well pitched up.

At 100 for two on the first evening, in reply to West Indies' first innings of 127, Pakistan were in a position to take control of the match. From then until the second evening, by when Pakistan had been bowled out for 140 and West Indies were 333 for three in their second innings, the gusto and skill with which West Indies caught, bowled and batted were irresistible.

It will be very difficult now for Pakistan to get back into the series. Wasim bowled superbly on Sunday morning when finishing off West Indies' second innings, and Sohail and Mujtaba showed themselves to be fighters, and Basit Ali's 37 on the last day was full of promise. But that was about all. Javed is not the player he was, Mushtaq Ahmed was a forlorn figure, and Moin Khan's wicketkeeping was gruesome. As for Waqar, for him to bowl only four of the first 32 overs in West Indies' second innings was a case not of tampering with the ball, of which there was clearly none, but of tampering with sanity.

Mushtaq has been ruled out of the second Test match, which starts in Bridgetown, Barbados on Friday. He may be flown to England this week for another opinion on the injury to his back, and Somerset have every reason to be concerned about their investment in him. Their best, perhaps most valid, hope must be that if, and when, he sees English batsmen at the striker's end, it will prove the miracle cure.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings: 127. Second Innings: 382 (D L Haynes 143 not out, B C Lara 96, R B Richardson 68; Wasim Akram 4-75)

PAKISTAN: First Innings 140 (Aamir Sohail 55; I Bishop 5-43, C E L Ambrose 4-34).

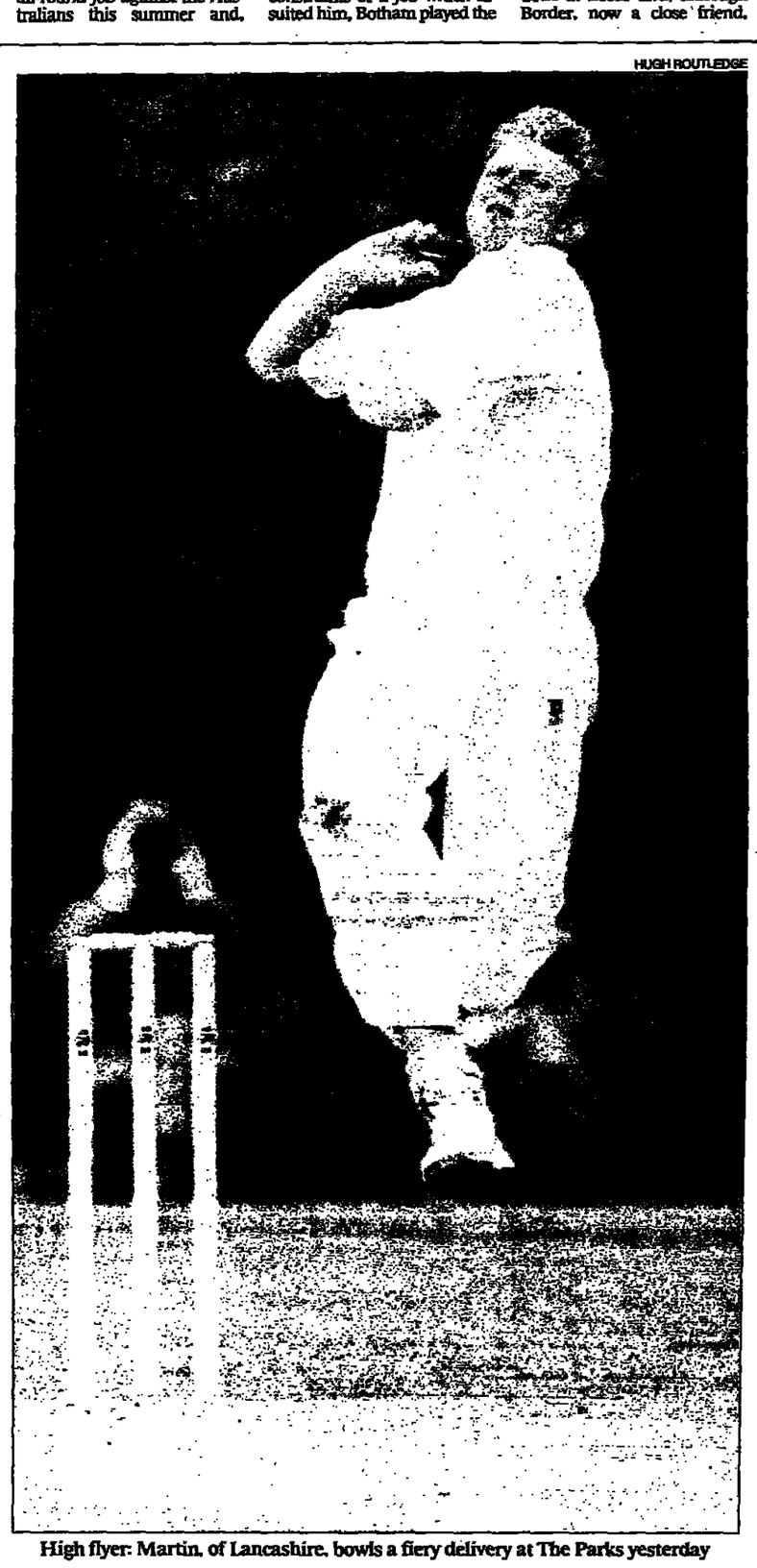
Second Innings

Aamir Sohail lbw b Walsh	15
Ramiz Raja lbw b Ambrose	11
Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw b Walsh	6
Javed Miandad c Murray b Bishop	4
Basit Ali c Richardson b Hooper	37
Asif Mujtaba lbw b Hooper	20
*Wasim Akram st Murray b Hooper	4
†Moin Khan c Bishop b Hooper	18
Waqar Younis lbw b Walsh	1
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	12
Ata-ur-Rehman c Ambrose b Hooper	19
Extras (b 8, nb 10)	18
Total	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-35, 3-41, 4-42, 5-109, 6-111, 7-114, 8-127, 9-134.

BOWLING: Ambrose 13-3-37-1; Bishop 11-2-28-1; Walsh 12-3-29-3, Cummins 5-1-6-0; Simmons 1-0-5-0; Hooper 11.5-3-40-5

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



High flyer: Martin, of Lancashire, bowls a fiery delivery at The Parks yesterday

Yorkshire indulge in private ritual

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

FENNER'S (final day of three): Camdridge University drew with Yorkshire

FEW private rituals are worth a light and the match which petered out in pale sunshine at 5.30pm yesterday was no exception. John Crawley and the splendidly-named Russell Cake batted out an undemanding final session after Yorkshire had opted for a lengthy net in the middle.

Cake, the unbeaten batsman in Cambridge's first innings, accompanied his captain because Crawley's inclusion in the England A side for the four-day match against Essex at Chelmsford later this week, leaves an opener's place to be filled against Kent. In this match Cake batted ten minutes short of four hours, without dismissal, which entitles him to fill it.

Yorkshire made short work of the Cambridge tail first thing; thereafter the cricket was desultory. David Byas made 90 in two parts. Having retired when 77, he re-emerged to make a further 13 before driving an intended six to long-off.

This was really the day on which Phil Carrick should have made a cosy half-century. Had he made 51 runs he would have become only the fifth cricketer to make 10,000 first-class runs and take 1,000 first-class wickets for the county.

Instead, he ground out 16 from 61 balls before Moxon closed the innings at tea. Cambridge, "challenged" to make 315 in an hour and 20 overs, reached 62 without loss before the ritual ended.

SCOREBOARD

YORKSHIRE: First Innings: 270 for 3 dec (A A Metcalfe 133 not out, S A Kellett 53)

Second Innings

M D Moxon c Haste b Whitaall	27
D Byas c Jones b Pearson	90
C White b Pearson	34
P Carrick not out	16
D Gough c Arscott b Pilcher	10
R J Blakey not out	0
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total (4 wkts dec)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-148, 3-163, 4-180.

BOWLING: Haste 7-3-27-0; Charlesworth 17-6-32-0; Pilcher 10-0-36-1; Whitaall 12-3-40-1; Pearson 16-2-45-2.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*J P Crawley st Blakey b Batty	30
G W Jones lbw b White	17
J P Carroll c Byas b Batty	2
G M Charlesworth lbw b Batty	5
R Cake not out	29
J Leppard c Blakey b Batty	0
†J P Arscott c White b Batty	8
N J Haste lbw b Carrick	5
R M Pearson b Gough	22
A R Whitaall b White	0
C M Pilcher c Blakey b Gough	2
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	17
Total	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-61, 3-68, 4-73, 5-73, 6-81, 7-94, 8-121, 9-128.

BOWLING: Gough 18.4-7-37-2; Broadhurst 1.1-0-7-0; Milburn 11.5-7-18-0; Batty 25-7-38-5, White 8-0-13-2; Carrick 12-6-14-1.

Second Innings

J P Crawley not out	33
R Cake not out	25
Extras (lb 1, nb 3)	4
Total (no wkt)	62

BOWLING: Gough 6-3-9-0; Milburn 6-1-17-0; Moxon 4-2-7-0; White 2-0-18-0; Batty 6-1-10-0; Carrick 5-5-0-0.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Dorahy inherits Monie's legacy

WHEN John Monie succeeded Jack Gibson at the Sydney rugby league club, Parramatta, he was likened to the batsman who had to follow Bradman (Christopher Irvine writes). Now John Dorahy, a surprise appointment yesterday as the new coach of Wigan, has the unenviable task of trying to emulate Monie's four glorious years at Central Park. Dorahy, 38, a fellow Australian, who struggled in his coaching baptism at Halifax three years ago, was the apparent first choice of the club. He comes with the endorsement of Monie, who will leave next month an extraordinary legacy and a record unlikely to be improved.

Like Monie, Dorahy, a former Australian full back, who is assistant coach of the Winfield Cup side, Newcastle Knights, is a studied thinker. Nevertheless, Dorahy, who has signed a three-year deal, is still learning his trade and is something of a gamble. "Coming in after John Monie, he's bound to have some trepidation," Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said. "But we've chosen him because he is his own man, with new ideas relevant to a club always straining to improve."

Wheelchairs on trial

BOWLS: After watching a demonstration of a custom-built bowls buggy at Worthing's Beach House Park, the competitions committee of the English Bowling Association has decided to open its national championships to players in wheelchairs for a two-year trial. Tony Patching, Worthing's head greenkeeper, was impressed, not only with the way the two wheelchair internationals, Mervyn Vicary and Ian Blackmore, played against the England president, Roy Peacock, and the treasurer, Bob Jack, but also with the buggy. "This chair exceeded all my expectations," Patching said. "The greens this time of year are soft, but the buggy had no effect on the rink whatsoever. I would say it had less impact on the grass than the feet of an able-bodied person."

Spanish ease through

TENNIS: Andrei Chesnokov and Sergi Bruguera had straight-sets victories yesterday on the opening day of the Monte Carlo Open. Chesnokov, from Russia, who won the tournament three years ago but is unseeded this year, made short work of beating Luiz Mattar, from Brazil, 6-0, 6-4, while Bruguera, who beat Boris Becker in the 1991 final, came through a tough first-round match against Renzo Furlan, of Italy, with a 6-4, 6-4 win. Five Spaniards won on the first day, Bruguera following Carlos Costa, Emilio Sánchez, Francisco Clavet and Alex Corretja into the second round. Arnaud Boetsch, of France, was the first seed to lose, beaten 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 by Marcelo Filippini, of Uruguay.

Matete suspended

ATHLETICS: Samuel Matete, 24, the world 400 metres hurdles champion, has been barred from international events by the Zambian Amateur Athletic Association for allegedly receiving illegal payments from international meetings, according to a report in Zambia. However, the International Amateur Athletic Federation said yesterday that all money earned by Matete on the grand prix circuit had been forwarded to the Zambian association and that it knew of no alleged illegalities. Matete became Zambia's first world champion when he won the title in 1991.

☐ Wade Knutson, a university student at Sioux City, Iowa, has died from injuries incurred when he missed the pole vault landing pad during a decathlon on Saturday.

Edward Nicholson

RIFLE SHOOTING: Major Edward Nicholson, late Royal Signals and one of the outstanding characters in rifle shooting, has died aged 78. Nicholson had shot in the final of the King's or Queen's Prize, the premier Commonwealth contest, 24 times — more than any shooter still living — competing for the last time at the age of 74 in 1988. He shot for England in the home countries national match 23 times and was captain in 1968. He was in four Great Britain touring teams, captain of the team to Canada in 1973, and several times shot or coached in the Empire and Kolapore matches. Nicholson helped build the Cheshire Rifle Association to senior county status.

DeFreitas back in style after winter of discontent

BY IVO TENNANT

THE PARKS (second day of three): Lancashire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 160 runs ahead of Oxford University

NO CRICKETER will concern himself less with the arguments against the two ancient universities retaining their first-class status than Phillip DeFreitas. His two wickets yesterday were, extraordinarily, his first in anything other than the one-day game since last September.

It says too much about England's tour of India. Here, though, he looked the consummate fast bowler, weight shed through sessions in the gym, groin strain overcome and making the batsman hurry his shot even on an early-season pitch. In short, he was a different performer.

Neither did Oxford succumb lightly, even if their captain, Gallian, did not bat because of a broken thumb. Later, he took both Lancashire wickets to fall. Montgomerie and MacMillan took them to 97 for one before three wickets fell in seven balls. Montgomerie batted for two-and-a-half hours and eventually went to a catch at third slip off a tentative prod.

SCOREBOARD

LANCASHIRE: First Innings: 309 for 4 dec (M A Atherton 107, N J Speak 87; BOWLING: Jeh-22-4-74-0; Gallian 9-2-20-0; MacDonald 21-6-56-1; Yeabsley 19-5-48-1; Malik 19-3-50-1, MacMillan 18-1-57-1).

Second Innings

G D Lloyd not out	19
†W K Hegg c Lyons b Gallian	8
M Watkinson not out	17
Extras	0
Total (2 wkts)	45

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-3, 2-11.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Lloyd b Martin	55
C M Gupte b Martin	2
G I MacMillan c Atherton b Martin	21
G B T Lovell b Martin	0
C L Keey c Mendis b Watkinson	27
†C Lyons b Watkinson	26
H S Malik not out	18
M P W Jeh lbw b DeFreitas	2
R S Yeabsley lbw b DeFreitas	2
R H Macdonald run out	1
*J E R Gallian absent hurt	0
Extras (b 11, lb 6, w 5, nb 6)	28
Total	194

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-18, 2-97, 3-97, 4-104, 5-148, 6-165, 7-180, 8-186, 9-194.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 19-3-57-2; Martin 17-7-42-4; Watkinson 17.4-5-29-2; Austin 4-1-18-0; Barnett 12-2-31-0.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P Willey.

Martin's triumph does little for the cause

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EAMONN Martin's victory in the London Marathon on Sunday gave the shop window of British distance running a tailored look, but take off the jacket and the mannequin looks dishevelled. Compared with the sprinters, Britain's distance runners are treated like tramps.

Since Martin will be running only commercial marathons in the foreseeable future, concentrating on the track for the international championships, there seems little prospect of Britain producing a world, European or Commonwealth champion. Most of Britain's best marathon runners took part in London, but, with the exception of Martin and Dave Buzza in sixth place, they ran disappointingly.

Britain might as well give up now the World Cup it holds for marathon running. Won in London two years ago, it needs to be defended in San Sebastian six months hence, but who is there to pick? Chris Brasher, the London Marathon founder, and his new champion took aim at the British Athletic Federation (BAF) yesterday and blamed it for the sorry state.

While Martin said the BAF's reluctance to stage international quality 10,000 metres races was in part responsible, Brasher disclosed that an offer made ten months ago by the London Marathon to help pay for a national distance running squad for 5,000 metres and upwards had not yet been replied to.

Then, criticising BAF's road running chairman, Alan Warner, he added: "I was hoping to discuss it with the chairman of the road running commission of the BAF this weekend, but he is in Boston [for the marathon].

Brasher has written to the federation again, suggesting they go 50-50 on backing the squad to some £30,000. "We have got to get morale up: we have got to get some spirit," Brasher said. It was unreasonable, he argued, that the BAF takes in excess of £100,000 a year from levies on road race entry fees but pays scant regard to dressing the shop window. He had, he said, "the formidable 15", comprising Britain's best marathon runners, ready to help.

Dave Long, who led Britain to its World Cup victory, offered a constructive thought, rightly describing the World Cup race as the equalivalent of a football B international. "It is the next stage between running for Britain for the first time and a major championship: it should be used as a stepping stone for runners who are inexperienced," he said.

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Eight nations enter for Admiral's Cup series

EIGHT nations from as far afield as Australia and Japan are sending yachts to Cowes at the end of July to compete in this year's Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup series (Barry Pickthall writes).

A record 19 teams graced the Solent in the Eighties but the fact that two other countries are still hoping to put teams together before the deadline on July 5 suggests that the tide of interest in offshore racing is on the turn.

At the last event two years ago just seven nations participated, and earlier this year it looked doubtful whether even Britain would be able to muster two boats this year. However, a spokesman from the Royal Ocean Racing Club confirmed that the Union Jack would be flying, along with the flags from Australia, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Ireland and Japan.

☐ After two days of racing on the final stage of the British Steel Challenge from Cape Town back to Southampton, ten miles divided the top five boats as the lead swapped between Group 4 Securitas and Nuclear Electric.

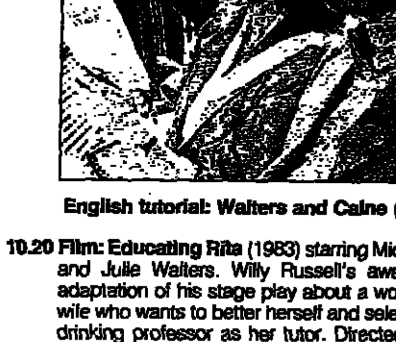
LEADING POSITIONS (at 1500 GMT yesterday with miles to Southampton): 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chisenden), 5,606; 2, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 5,607; 3, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 5,510; 4, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 5,512; 5, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 5,516; 6, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 5,624.

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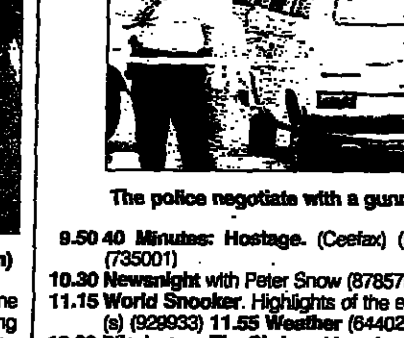
6.00 Business Breakfast (66933)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (32934575)
9.05 Love, Lust and Loneliness. Shyama Perera with the first of six programmes in which members of the public become agony aunts, beginning with three generations of a family from Leeds (s) (1897952)
9.35 King of the Road. Ross King and Anna Walker visit Bristol (s) (4839240)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8513469) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7918223)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick (s) (88619846)
12.05 Pebble Mill (s) (4232556)
12.45 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick (s) (14711020) **12.55 Regional News** (37887846)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (60484) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (11096575)
1.50 Film: A Tale of Two Cities (1958, b/w) starring Dirk Bogarde. A British-made version of Charles Dickens's classic novel. Filmed in England and France. Directed by Ralph Thomas (55382846)
3.50 The Brollys (r) (2902223) **4.05 Bodger and Badger** (r) (s) (5505117) **4.20 Happy Families** (r) (s) (5519310) **4.35 Prince Valiant.** (Ceefax) (s) (7105117)
5.00 Newsround (5092136) **5.10 The Lowdown.** The story of three young refugees, from Somalia, Vietnam and Bosnia. (Ceefax) (s) (6576827)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (152469). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (575)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (827). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wildlife 100: Inflight Movie. A bird's-eye view of the world (r). (Ceefax) (7662)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (339)
8.00 Luv. Carla Lane's family comedy starring Michael Angelis and Sue Johnston. (Ceefax) (s) (6310)
8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. The final programme of the series finds the two teams level. Ian Botham hopes to win with Tom McKean and Stuart Barnes, Bill Beaumont is equally optimistic with Neil Fairbrother and Ally McCoist. (Ceefax) (s) (2117)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with *Michael Buerk. (Ceefax)* Regional news and weather (5049)
9.30 999. *Michael Buerk with more re-enactments from the casebooks of Britain's emergency services.* (Ceefax) (s) (861865)


English tutorial: Walters and Caine (10.20pm)

10.20 Film: Educating Rita (1983) starring Michael Caine and Julie Walters. Willy Russell's award-winning adaptation of his stage play about a working-class wife who wants to better herself and selects a hard-drinking professor as her tutor. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. (Ceefax) (209827). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers 10.50 Film: Educating Rita; Wales: The Road to Europe 10.50 Film: Educating Rita
12.05am The UK Dance Championships featuring the professional modern competition (s) (5417696)
12.40 Weather (3667686). Ends at **12.45**. Northern Ireland and Wales: 12.35am-1.10 Dancing
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (68537) **3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (57421)

BBC2

6.45 Open University. Science — Light in Search of a Model (4251952) **7.10** Biology: *A Tale of Two Cells* (6715339) **7.35** Geology: Minerals Under the Microscope (7092469)
8.00 Breakfast News (8898643)
8.15 Westminster (5818117)
9.00 Film: The Young in Heart (1938, b/w) starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr, Janet Gaynor and Paulette Goddard. Comedy about a rich old lady, travelling around Europe, who takes a shine to a family she meets and takes them under her wing. What she does not know is that they are con-artists — but she is more than their match. Directed by Richard Wallace (78339)
10.30 World Snooker. Day four of the Embassy world professional championship (97281662)
1.20 Just So Stories. Rudyard Kipling's *How the Whale Got His Throat*, told by Geoffrey Matthews (r) (13794759) **1.30 Orville and Cuddles.** Animation (r) (62835440) **1.35 Betjeman in Australia.** The second of the late Poet Laureate's four-part journey around Australia (r) (18534827)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60095846) **2.05 World Snooker** (s) (7415681)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8594575) **3.05 Westminster Live.** Includes prime minister's questions (8648952) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8933049)
4.00 World Snooker. The featured games this afternoon are Gary Wilkinson v Dean Reynolds and Terry Griffiths v David Roe (s) (4339)
6.00 Film: Two Years Before the Mast (1946, b/w) starring Alan Ladd, Brian Donlevy, William Bendix and Howard Da Silva. A young man, shanghaied after a drinking bout, finds himself on a boat under the command of a ruthless and sadistic captain. Directed by John Farrow (97328117)
7.35 Animation Now. *Try Again and Succeed*, narrated by Orson Welles (r) (477136)
7.45 Assignment: The Killing Field Election. A look at the bloody background to Cambodia's forthcoming elections, organised by the United Nations in the hope of finding a government recognised by the rest of the world (693204)
8.30 Secret Nature. Andrew Cooper explores the wildlife of the Scilly Islands. (Ceefax) (s) (5989)
9.00 World Snooker featuring James Wattana's match against Tony Jones (s) (450407)


The police negotiate with a gunman (9.50pm)

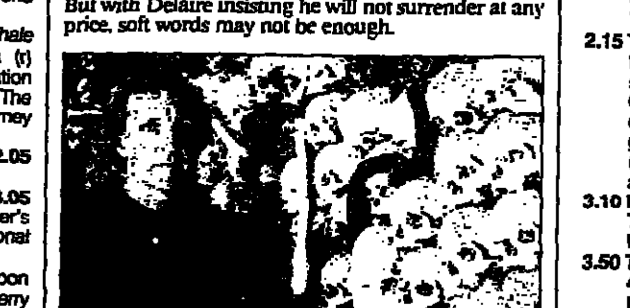
9.50 40 Minutes: Hostage. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (735001)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (878575)
11.15 World Snooker. Highlights of the evening session (s) (929933) **11.55 Weather** (644020)
12.00 Pilgrimage: The Shrine at Loreto. A look at one of the most important pilgrimage sites in 16th-century Europe (2164063). Ends at **12.25am**

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40 Minutes: Hostage
BBC2, 9.50pm

A gripping film from Belgium tackles a subject rarely aired on television, negotiations between the police and a gunman holding hostages. Thanks to tape recordings, the conversations can be followed word for word. On the run from prison, Philippe Delaire breaks into the house of a bank manager to demand that he opens the bank vaults. The banker escapes, leaving behind his wife and two small daughters. Delaire and two accomplices hold the family in a tiny room. The plump, bespectacled police inspector, Jacques Leonard, knows Delaire from previous encounters. They even share a passion for motor cycles and cars. But with Delaire insisting he will not surrender at any price, soft words may not be enough.


Genocide in Cambodia: John Pilger (ITV, 10.40pm)

Viewpoint 93: Return to Year Zero
ITV, 10.40pm

John Pilger rides a familiar hobby-horse about the west's shameful treatment, as he sees it, of Cambodia. In his sixth report from that tragic country Pilger accuses the United Nations of smoothing the way for the return of Asia's Hitler, Pol Pot, and the Khmer Rouge. In the 1970s, as Pilger has never stopped reminding us, Pol Pot engineered the genocide of some one million people. Yet throughout the next decade the British government gave training to the Khmer Rouge via the SAS. In 1993, Pilger is disgusted to note, Pol Pot's second in command is an honoured guest at a parade of UN troops through Phnom Penh. Pilger may be going over old ground but his angry rhetoric still demands answers.

Our Backyard: Time to Say No
Channel 4, 8.00pm

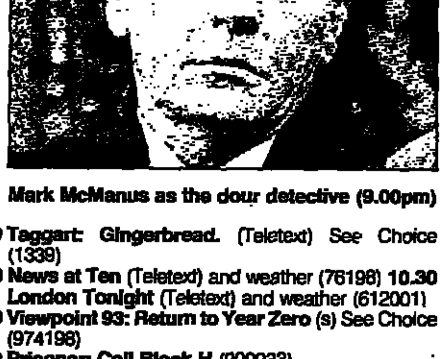
The series highlighting environmental protest groups follows two campaigns against new motorways. The first is the 20-year-old battle in Hampshire to prevent the M3 being extended over Twyford Down. The other concerns the proposal to link the M1 and M62 in Yorkshire. The treatment is unapologetically partisan. No one is invited before the camera to explain why these new roads should be built. But the film is less about rights and wrongs than the feeling of helplessness which ordinary people can feel in the face of government bureaucracy. This is underlined when the "Sink the Link" team arrives at the Department of Transport in London and is told there is not a single person in the building who can talk to them.

Taggart: Gingerbread
ITV, 9.00pm

Ten years after the battle-weary Glasgow detective made his first screen appearance, the formula seems as secure as ever. With his rumpled face and terse cynicism, Mark McManus's Taggart is a treasure but perhaps the greater credit should go to Glen Chandler. He wrote the very first case, back in 1983, and is still going strong on this latest. Three one-hour episodes, the usual format for a *Taggart* story, is a lot of time to fill. But Chandler invariably comes up with a plot, or rather *series* of plots, that are complex but never incomprehensible. Tonight sees the start of a tale which involves a missing businessman, a murdered private eye and a child's fairy story with a frightening real-life echo.
Peter Waymark

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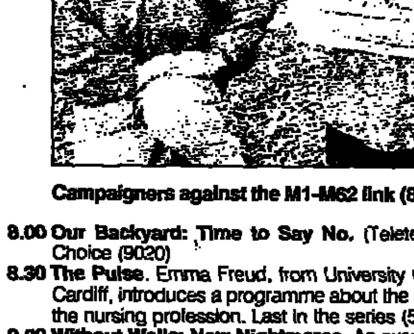
6.00 GMTV. Includes, at **8.15**, another in the series on missing people, this morning concentrating on a 15-year-old Liverpool boy who disappeared five years ago (7654049)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (7097759) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7994643)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... (4606681)
10.35 This Morning. Family magazine (88603285)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (8262643)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2774989) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93408407)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama. (Teletext) (540204) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (549575)
2.15 Travel UK presented by Valerie Singleton and Chris Packham. Includes a south coast surfing holiday, a stay at a luxury hotel near Oxford, a look at what the Cornish resort of Fowey has to offer; and a wander down London's Portabello Road. The celebrity guest, Floella Benjamin, takes a day trip to Brighton (s) (531556) **2.45 Families** Soap set in Australia and the north of England (s) (4635310)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8505681) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8504952) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (1434488)
3.50 The Gingerbread Man (r) (Teletext) (s) (8920575) **4.00 The Raggy Dolls** (r) (s) (5591914) **4.15 The Dreamstone** (r) (s) (6974830) **4.40 Finders Keepers.** Game show (6725136)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1648038)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (779285)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (91812)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (2730)
7.30 Dilly Down Town. A new six part series celebrating multicultural London, presented by Dilly Braimoh, beginning with the Italian connection (s) (407)
8.00 The Bill: Brothers. DS Greig and WPC Croft investigate two brothers, deserted by their mother, who fend for themselves by doing burglaries. (Teletext) (8778)
8.30 Sailortown. The last in the *Comedy Playhouse* series. Pat Laffan and James Nesbitt star as a dead Belfast bar-owner's son-in-law and grandson arguing over the inheritance. (Teletext) (s) (7285)


Mark McManus as the dour detective (9.00pm)

9.00 Taggart: Gingerbread. (Teletext) See Choice (1339)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (76198) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (612001)
10.40 Viewpoint 93: Return to Year Zero (s) See Choice (974198)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (900933)
12.30am Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. A report from Long Beach (68421)
1.00 The Little Picture Show (19353)
2.00 Film: Don't Ever Leave Me (1948, b/w) starring Petula Clark and Jimmy Handley. Low-budget British romantic comedy about a young woman who falls for the man who is holding her to ransom. Directed by Arthur Crabtree (69131)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (47624)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (58191)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (50501)
5.30 ITN Morning News (80131). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz (30136) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules.** Animation (r) (3457469)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gay Roslin. The guests include Lisa Stansfield (90827)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (86575)
9.30 Secrets of the Billabong A documentary about the wildlife of a small Australian lake (r) (5983440)
10.25 Hollywood Legends. A profile of Michael Caine, with contributions from Julie Walters, Ben Kingsley and Roger Moore (r) (2467440)
11.30 American Chronicles: After A Fashion. Richard Dreyfuss narrates this whimsical documentary made by Mark Frost and David Lynch about the American fashion industry (r) (2952)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (87169)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (36759) **1.30 Little Rosey** Cartoon (r) (s) (23594)
2.00 Film: The Harvey Girls (1946) starring Judy Garland, John Hodiak, Ray Bolger and Preston Foster. Entertaining musical about a group of waitresses who bring a bit of sophistication, glamour and romance to a remote New Mexico town. Directed by George Sidney (304469)
3.50 Mr Frog Went A-Courting. Animated version of the old folk song, made by Evelyn Lambert for the national Film Board of Canada (7139556)
3.55 The Foul Smell of Success A *Survival* documentary about the life of a shield bug. Narrated by Andrew Sachs (9041117)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (420)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The audience include the parents of an eight-year-old, killed in the classroom by a fellow pupil. (Teletext) (s) (7551486)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout A new series of the children's entertainment (294285)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Vintage American comedy starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (285)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana. Off-beat, surreal comedy from the United States, set in an unusual midwestern town (s) (865)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (104594)
7.50 Comment. Paul Wellings on the state of the music industry (733204)


Campaigners against the M1-M62 link (8.00pm)

8.00 Our Backyard: Time to Say No. (Teletext) See Choice (9020)
8.30 The Pulse. Emma Freud, from University College, Cardiff, introduces a programme about the future of the nursing profession. Last in the series (5827)
9.00 Without Walls: New Nightmares. An examination of the way mankind constantly seems to be on the brink of catastrophe in its dealings with natural forces. (Teletext) (s) (2681)
10.00 Film: The Fury (1978) starring Kirk Douglas. The *Movie Nightmares Season* continues with this story about a man's superhuman, psychic son who is kidnapped by a shadowy government agency so that they can control the teenager's powers. Directed by Brian De Palma. (Teletext) (54967285)
12.10am Dream On. Adult comedy series about the love life of a divorced New York publisher (r). (Teletext) (2178266)
12.40 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The guest is Ella Fitzgerald (4522150). Ends at **1.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1434488) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (1648038) **6.00** Home and Away (566914) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (424575) **7.30-8.00** Anglia at War (407) **12.35** Film: Neither the Sea Nor the Sand (560131) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5182402) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (4863995) **4.15** Extreme (43076179) **4.30** Riviera (38957) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (50501)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (1434488) **6.00** Lookaround (643) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (223) **7.30-8.00** The Dragon and the Thistle (407) **12.35** Film: Neither the Sea Nor the Sand (560131) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5182402) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (4863995) **4.15** Extreme (43076179) **4.30** Riviera (38957) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (50501)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (540204) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (549575) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1434488) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (1648038) **6.00** Home and Away (566914) **6.25-7.00** Central News (424575) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (407) **11.40** Film: A Real American Hero (348117) **1.25** Kojak (5862995) **2.20** The Big E (1254518) **3.15** Sport AM (132570) **4.15** Jobfinder (5692247) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6019315)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (540204) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (549575) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (4635310) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (1434488) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (1648038) **6.00** Home and Away (643) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (223) **7.30-8.00** The Big Green Boat Show (407) **12.35** Film: Neither the Sea Nor the Sand (560131) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5182402) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (4863995) **4.15** Extreme (43076179) **4.30** Riviera (38957) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (50501)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (549575) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (1434488) **6.00** HTV News (643) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (223) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (407) **12.35** Film: Neither the Sea Nor the Sand (Susan Hampshire, Frank Finlay, Michael Petrovich) (560131) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5182402) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (4863995) **4.15** Extreme (43076179) **4.30** Riviera (38957) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (50501)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales At Six **6.30-7.00** On The Edge **7.30-8.00** The Sherman Plays: Sailing To America

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Young Doctors (1434488) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (643) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (223) **7.30-8.00** Fit to Win (407) **11.40-12.30** Island Son (900933) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (50501)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1434488) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (643) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (223) **7.30-8.00** Billy (407) **11.40** Sports Night Out (366440) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (143063) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (19353) **2.00** Sledge Hammer (44537) **2.30** 60 Minutes (2690689) **3.25** Countdown (9698353) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (4095088)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (549575) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (91812) **7.30-8.00** McGilloway's Way (407) **10.40** Sportsweek: Bangor v Coleraine (984575) **11.35** Viewpoint 93 (970335) **12.35** Film: Neither the Sea Nor the Sand (560131) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5182402) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (4863995) **4.15** Extreme (43076179) **4.30** Riviera (38957) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (50501)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (1434488) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (91812) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (407) **12.35** Film: Neither the Sea Nor the Sand (560131) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5182402) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (4863995) **4.15** Extreme (43076179) **4.30** Riviera (38957) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (50501)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1434488) **5.55** Calendar (643) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (223) **7.30-8.00** Billy (407) **11.40** Sports Night Out (366440) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (9413063) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (19353) **2.00** Sledge Hammer (44537) **2.30** 60 Minutes (2690689) **3.25** Countdown (9698353) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 9.00 You Bet Your Life (86575) **9.30** Scenes of the Billabong (5983440) **10.25** Hollywood Legends (5515932) **11.35** American Chronicles (8086730) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (87169) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (24223) **1.00** Sesame Street (29778) **2.00** The Late Late Show (84914) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (3583204) **3.55** Happy Days (5079672) **4.25** Slot 23 (3582575) **5.00** Fifteen to One (9376) **5.30** Moviewatch (372) **6.00** News (285) **6.30** Heno (865) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7152) **7.30** Mwy O Swigs (578) **8.00** Steleto (9020) **8.30** News (607575) **8.55** Snwcer (972643) **9.30** Teenage Health Freak (11759) **10.00** The Golden Girls (87440) **10.30** The Beiderbecke Affair (81440) **11.30** Pel-Droed (89469) **12.00** New Nightmares (27353) **1.00** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24216778) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5815827) **9.10** Cartoons (5923730) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (53759) **10.00** Strike It Rich (4737223) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8225402) **10.30** Concentration (48339) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (53285) **11.30** Falcon Crest (26759) **12.30pm** E Street (57575) **1.00** Another World (6001827) **1.45** Santa Barbara (187759) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (858020) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (191952) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4874730) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8575) **6.00** Games World (3117) **6.30** E Street (4469) **7.00** Rescue (7204) **7.30** Family Ties (8881) **8.00** Murphy Brown (6952) **8.30** Anything But Love (2759) **9.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (76543) **10.00** Designing Women (23020) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (38372) **11.30** Studs (18759) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (27556) **6.30** News and Business Report (858020) **9.30** Nightline (44001) **10.00** Dayline (10117) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (97469) **11.30** Business Report (17001) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (91285) **1.30** Good Morning America (82914) **2.30** Parliament Live (8605001) **3.15** Parliament Live (2231778) **4.30** News and Business Report (3594) **5.00** Live at Five (30681) **6.30** News and Business Report (34117) **7.30** Target (4223) **10.30** Nightline (36914) **11.30** ABC News (50541) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (35315) **1.30** ABC News (26060) **2.30** Target (18570) **3.30** ABC News (20315) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (22112) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (42995)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.20am Showcase (24422730)
10.00 Working Trash (1990): Caretakers on Wall Street become rich (51391)
12.00 The Doomsday Flight (1966). A bomb is planted on board a plane (27407)
2.00pm A Separate Peace (1972): Boys at boarding school are concerned about the outbreak of the second world war (92662)
4.00 Primo Baby (1989): A teenage girl trains a blind racehorse (1407)
6.00 Working Trash (as 10am) (89198)
8.00 Suburban Commando (1991): Alien Hulk Hogan moves in with Christopher Lloyd and Shelley Duvall (84643)
10.00 The Running Man (1987): Escaped convict Arnold Schwarzenegger is forced to take part in a futuristic game show (225730)
11.45 Breaking In (1989): Burt Reynolds teaches a protégé to crack safes (884198)
1.20am Mutant Hunt (1987): A 21st-century hero tracks rampaging cyborgs (1581860)
2.40 Nothing Underneath (1985): A psychic searches for his sister's killer (8305402)
4.10 Bethune — The Making of a Hero (1990): Political biopic starring Donald Sutherland (389841). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.45pm The Raven (1935, b/w): Bela Lugosi plays a deranged plastic surgeon (5394285)
8.00 Iron Eagle (1986): Jason Gedrick commandeers a fighter jet to rescue his father from the Middle East (77391)
10.00 Polyester (1981): Bored housewife Divine meets fantasy man Tab Hunter (25136). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Stooge (1952, b/w): Show-business drama starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis (61198)
8.00 Lost in the Barrens (1990): Two boys learn to survive in the wilderness (88858)
10.00 The Spirit is Willing (1957): Sid Caesar and family spend the summer in a haunted house (76261914)
11.50 Will There Really Be a Morning? (1983): Susan Blakely plays the Hollywood star Frances Farmer (89291681)
2.10pm The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976): Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau pursues an insane Herbert Lom (942543)
4.00 Lost in the Barrens (as 8am) (9049)
6.00 Paper Moon (1973): Ryan and Tatum O'Neal star as con artists (70440)
8.00 Stockade (1990): Martin Sheen torments soldier Charlie Sheen (82285)
10.00 Thelma and Louise (1991): Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon embark on a crime spree (41942827)
12.15am Death Dreams (1990): Marg Helgenberger communicates with her dead daughter. With Christopher Reeve (148808)
1.55 Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (1990): Winona Ryder believes that a local celebrity is her mother (435518)
3.35 Havana (1990): Gambler Robert Redford becomes involved in the Cuban revolution (23177082). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (63223) **7.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (85933) **7.30** Windsurfing (64440) **8.00** Boots 'n' All (65391) **9.00** Stretch (16339) **9.30** Premier League Football: Ipswich v Norwich (96469) **11.30** Stretch (12952) **12.00** ATP Tennis: Monte Carlo Open (3111391) **5.00pm** Soccer News (278407) **6.03** Wrestling (22488) **7.00** Football: Stockport County v Wigan Athletic (263402) **9.30** Basketball (61575) **11.30** Motor World (50759) **12.00** Gillette World Sports Special (67136) **12.30am-2.30** Football (as 7pm) (91570)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (99136) **8.00** Gymnastics (46556) **10.00** Ice Hockey: Finland v France (18285) **12.00** Eurogoals (11372) **1.00pm** ATP Tennis: Salem Open, Hong Kong (73759) **2.30** Ice Hockey: Czech Republic v Germany (371594) **5.00** Eurogoals (1285) **6.00** Eurofun (8827) **6.30** News (2407) **7.00** Ice Hockey: Finland v USA (966330) **9.30** Boxing (46778) **11.00** Snooker (96049) **12.00-12.30am** News (72150)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12474488) **6.15** Button Moon (12462643) **6.30** The All New Popeye Show (6911594) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3663594) **7.30** Neighbours (3642001) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1081730) **8.30** EastEnders (1080001) **9.00** The Bill (1004681) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (5861204) **10.30** Casualty (6556846) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1575730) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1091117) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9420852) **1.00** EastEnders (3662865) **1.30** The Bill (9429223) **2.00** Going Straight (7147020) **2.30** Bread (1849010) **3.00** Dallas (1586846) **4.00** Dynasty (1598681) **5.00** Candid Camera (7138372) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7049858) **6.00** Neighbours (6994169) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (3413933) **7.30** Going Straight (4928875) **8.00** EastEnders (7134556) **8.30** Bread (7146391) **9.00** Casualty (9479310) **10.00** The Bill (1092846) **10.30** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (1001594) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (1599310) **11.30** Dr Who: The Sea Devils (6991730) **12.00** Film: Guest Wife (1945, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert (4816334) **1.00am** Videos (3232063)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stones Without Words (18846) **6.30** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (5553488) **7.15** Widget (823594) **8.45** Jack in the Box (675204) **10.45** Stones Without Words (532310) **11.15** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (8423594) **12.30pm** Mask (87339) **1.00** Jack in the Box (30594) **3.00** Widget (92020) **4.30** CDO (3778) **5.00-7.00** Pugwall (40310)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Talking About the Englightenment
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including Wagner (Overture, Tannhäuser); Geminiani (Sonata No 3); Smetana (Vltava, Ma Vlast); Korngold (Violin Concerto)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Respighi. Overture. Carnevalesca; Fountains of Rome; Deità Silvane; Ancient Airs and Dances; Suite No 1
10.00 Greeks and Romans: Schumann (Overture, Julius Caesar); Bellini (Casta Diva, Norma); Purcell (Bonduca, or The British Heroine, Overture and excerpts); Constantinidis (Eight Dances from Greek Islands), Khachaturian (Spartacus, Suite No 2); Theodorakis (Five Preludes, Op 8); Dvořák (Overture, Othello), Kalomiris (Nocturne); Verdi (Mia madre aveva; Piangea antando: Ave maria, Otello, Act 4)
12.00 Early Music Network: Hiro Kurosaki, violin, and Linda Nicholson, fortepiano, play J. Schobert (Sonata in D minor, Op 14 No 4); F. Benda (Sonata in A); Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 47, Kreutzer) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 BBC Welsh SO under Grant Llewellyn performs Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture, Romeo and Juliet); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 1 in E flat: with Robert Cohen); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A)
2.40 1991 Esztergom International Guitar Festival: Tarrega (Introduction and Variations on The Carnival of Venice); Maurice Ohana (Tiento), Nuccio d'Angelo (Due canzoni lidie); Villa-Lobos (Study No 12 in A minor); Bach (Fugue in A minor, BWV 1000); Stravinsky, arr Manangakis (Soldier's March; Tango, The Soldier's Tale); Vangelis Boudounis (Cocktail)
3.25 Zelenka Sonatas. Malcolm Messiter and Christopher O'Neal, oboes, Gavin McNaughton, bassoon, John Lenehan, piano, and Robin McGee, double-bass, perform Sonata No 1 in F and Sonata No 4 in G minor
4.05 Dutch Concert Rostrum: Strauss (Symphonic Fantasy from Die Frau ohne Schatten: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Erich Leinsdorf)
4.30 Bluebird Blues: The development of the blues in the thirties and forties
5.00 In Tune with Anthony Burton
7.30 Tippett and Beethoven. The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Nicholas Cleobury, with Artur Pizarro, piano, plays Tippett (Fanfare No 2, From the Four Corners); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat; Overture, The Consecration of the House); Tippett (Symphony No 1)
9.10 Mirooo: See Choice
9.25 Sécheresses: Chorus and New PO of French National Radio under Georges Prêtre perform Poulenc's cantata
9.55 Warsaw Autumn '91: Vera Beths, violin, and Reinbert de Leeuw, piano, perform Galina Ustvol'skaya (Piano Sonata No 5, 1986; Duet, 1964)
10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey Carpenter talks to the Irish writer Martin Mooney
11.30 Great Masters Restored: Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique: Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique under John Eliot Gardiner)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444 from 8am
10.00-10.30 A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides (FM only): Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan follow in the footsteps of Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell (3/6)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A selection of poetry on the theme of nature
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Dame Felicity Peake, the first director of the Women's Royal Air Force. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare looks at drugs
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Quote ... Unquote: Nigel Rees chairs the quotation game. With Peter Wood, Isabel Colegate, Francis Matthews and Diana Quick **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Woman to Woman. A comedy by Edna Troma. Colin (Paul Shelley) is a dentist with a second wife, a dutiful mistress and a receptionist with whom he is having a fling
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Lars Payne and Daryl Griffith, members of the London Salon Ensemble
3.00 Cause Célèbre (FM only): Jenni Mills talks to Roger Cooper who spent five years in Iran's Erin prison (r)
3.30 Punters (FM only) with Susan Marling
3.00-4.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Charlotte Cory's novel, *The Laughter of Fools*; and listens to *Yellow Shark*, a classical work by Frank Zappa
4.45 Short Story: The Man from the South, by Roald Dahl. Read by Terry Molloy
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: First of a six-part political comedy by Christopher Lee. With Julian Glover as Sir Charles Bannister (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Reckoning: The Rev Colin Morris visits the old Lubwa Mission station in Zambia **8.00 Science Now** (r)
8.30 Coming Home: Carl Roberts, a BFBS broadcaster on the East German border in the eighties, gives the second of three talks on reunification
8.45 In Touch, with Tony Barringer
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: A Straightforward Tale, by Leonardo Sciascia. Read by Stephen MacDonald (2/5)
11.00 Mad Dogs: Phil Smith considers British attitudes to romance, from *Brief Encounter* to *Wuthering Heights* (2/4) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Mirooo. *Radio 3, 9.10pm.*

Sanda Miller's compilation about Joán Miró, with music by Richard Attree, is a taster for Friday's main course — Richard Calvocoressi's feature on the Catalan painter. Unless you are a confirmed Miróist, tonight's *hors-d'oeuvre* may prove indigestible. It is on the rich side. Ostensibly, it is an aural projection of Miró's surreal painting *Harlequin's Carnival*, the bestiary with cat-clowns, and it will be of some help (though not a lot) to have a picture of it in front of you tonight. The rest is a jigsaw of judgments on Miró, noisily assembled in the BBC's stereophonic workshop.

Don't Call Us. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

This collection of actor's tales about their auditions includes some of proven authenticity but others that are the theatrical equivalent of fishermen's tales. Some are curiously incomplete. The account of Ralph Richardson's first audition mentions that he agreed to pay for, instead of be paid for, his theatre debut. But it omits to say that the unimpressed auditioner told the future, peerless, Falstaff that he could never, *never* hope to play the lovable old rogue.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Buzzword: Chris and George host the comedy panel game **9.00** Glitter and Glam. Alan Freeman looks at British pop in the early 1970s (r) **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Michael Parkinson **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Mr Finchley Takes the Road, by Victor Canning. Starring Richard Griffiths (2/6) **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Don't Call Us: See Choice **10.00** In Good Voice: Love Songs. Maddy Prior presents a cappella music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide with Francis Collings **12.20pm** Learn to Earn with Anna Grayson **1.05** Decisions ... Decisions ... Anna Raeburn discusses the stresses of living with and without work **2.30** A Game of Two Halves with John Inverdale and Frances Edmonds **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Adventures of Endill Swift **7.30** Football Plus with Jonathan Legard **10.10** Earshot, with John Cavanagh **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Ella **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Whatever Happened To . . **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Around the World in 80 Minutes **10.30** But Why a Degree? **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Father and Son **3.45** World Bandstand **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** A Bad Press **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Schubert (Wandererfantasie. Christina Ortiz, piano, RPO under Solti); Dvořák (String Quartet No 12) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Opera Guide with Hugh MacPherson **8.00** Classic FM Concert: John Eliot Gardiner's fiftieth birthday concert. Mozart (Piano Concerto No 9: Malcolm Bilson; English Baroque Soloists); Berlioz (Symphonie Fantastique: Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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SPORT

All-rounder seeks final Test against Australia before retiring

Botham ready to declare innings closed

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

IAN Botham, the most famous cricketer of his generation, yesterday announced he would probably retire at the end of the season but, in a typical show of bravado, said he still hoped to play for England against Australia this summer.

"In all probability this will be my last season," he said. "But I want to get through this year and do well enough to have another crack at the Aussies. I played last year, why shouldn't I play now? England have not exactly filled themselves with honours this winter."

It is, of course, a flight of fancy, but then that could be said about the whole of Botham's career, which he began as a tousle-haired teenager on the MCC groundstaff and continued via Somerset and Worcestershire to Durham. It is no great surprise that the end is near.

Botham's two-year contract with Durham ends in September and, like several others at the fledgling county, he is not guaranteed another. He will be 38 in November, but it is not so much the years but the mileage that has aged him. Few lives have been lived at such a punishing pace, and wear and tear have long since been evident.

In January, Botham underwent surgery on his right shoulder. It was the tenth operation he has had in order to continue playing cricket.

"I have had more injuries in the last three years than in all the rest of my career," he said. "There comes a point when you say hang on, what are you doing to yourself?"

For Botham, that point has arrived. For others, concerned on his behalf, it arrived one, two or even three years ago, as injuries became a disruptive habit and the performances which were once routinely stunning gradually became simply routine.

The last of his 102 Test matches was played last June, against Pakistan. Fittingly, it was at Lord's, but the heroics were absent. Botham scored two and six, bowled five overs and, despite two catches, fielded at slip like a man whose once infallible eye-to-hand coordination had abandoned him.

Yet another injury ensured that he could not be considered for the next game. It surely saved him from being dropped. It was clear he had come a Test too far.

Botham can still bat. When the mood is with him and the blood is up, he can even now destroy bowling of quality. But these are fleeting moments, for the technique, which has always been more classical than many would credit, is no longer supported by the instinct and incentive. He has done it all, long ago, and Mondays at Middlesbrough fail to inspire him.

As his shoulder and back have troubled him, so Botham's bowling has lost its threat. The pace dropped some years ago and now, his movement limited, he can no longer swing the ball late as he once did to such effect. Last summer, he took only 24 championship wickets for Durham, at a cost of 42 each.

His only century for his third county came, characteristically, on his debut. But he was not regarded as a failure nor, as some feared, as a prima donna, and Geoff Cook, Durham's director of cricket, was speaking only half in jest when he said yesterday: "If he gets 50 wickets and 1,000 runs this summer, I'm sure he will be keen to keep playing."

Botham, however, gives the impression that his mind is made up. A country sportsman by nature, he loves to shoot and fish in Scotland.

His social excesses may have been tamed, but he still loves to drink with the best of them and, having raised more than a million pounds for leukaemia research, his big heart and appetite for fresh challenge remain as strong as ever.

Cricket no longer dominates him and if one factor has brought about yesterday's confession, it is the realisation that his remaining ambition is beyond him. Liam, his son, is 16 and on the verge of breaking into county cricket. "I always wanted to play in the same team as him" Botham said yesterday. "But I can't hang around that long."

Sir Richard Hadlee, the leading wicket-taker in Test match history, will make an unexpected comeback on Saturday when appearing for Leyland in a Northern League match at Lancaster. Hadlee, who underwent a heart bypass operation two years ago, will deputise for Gordon Greenidge.

FACTFILE

Born Heswall, Cheshire, November 24, 1955.
County career: Somerset 1974-86 (cap 1976, captain 1984-5), Worcestershire 1987-91 (cap 1987), Durham 1992-3 (cap 1992).
Test matches: 102 (1977-92), 12 as captain (1980-1).
One-day internationals: 116.
1,000 runs in a season: 4 (best: 1,530, 1985).
100 wickets in a season: 1 (1978).
50 wickets in a season: 7.
Best bowling: 8-34, England v Pakistan, Lord's, 1978.
Best batting: 228, Somerset v Gloucestershire, Taunton, 1980.
Honours: County championship, 1988, 1989; Gillette Cup/NatWest Trophy, 1979, 1983; Benson and Hedges Cup, 1981, 1982; John Player/Refuge Assurance League, 1979, 1987, 1988; BBC sports personality, 1981; OBE 1992.
Career record: All first-class matches: 18,983 runs (37 centuries, avge 34.20), 1,159 wickets (avge 27.08), 346 catches. Test matches: 5,200 runs (14 centuries, 22 half-centuries, avge 33.54), 383 wickets (27 five-wicket innings, 4 ten-wicket matches, avge 28.40), 120 catches.

MICHAEL SCOTT



The back of Botham: the all-rounder makes his announcement yesterday

McCague hit by injury

MARTIN McCague's hopes of staking an early claim for a place in the England side for this summer's Test series against Australia have been delayed by injury. The Kent fast bowler has been forced to pull out of the England A team to play the county champions, Essex, at Chelmsford on Thursday because of a hamstring strain.

McCague, who was born in Northern Ireland but raised in Australia, has opted to play for England and his selection for the A team underlined the selectors' belief in his ability. "It's disappointing for Martin to miss this game, but hopefully he'll be in action for Kent very soon," Keith Fletcher, the England manager, said. Paul Taylor, of Northamptonshire, is McCague's replacement.

McManus keeps nerve to see off teenager

By Phil Yates

ALAN McManus showed his unflappable temperament again to overcome the gallant 17-year-old, Ronnie O'Sullivan, in the first round of the Embassy world snooker championship at The Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

McManus has reached the semi-finals of six tournaments this season and the final of three others but O'Sullivan, the 1991 world junior champion at the age of 15, won three of the opening four frames in the second session to level at 7-7.

"It was then that I told myself to calm down and dig my heels in," McManus said. In the next three frames, he mixed decisive breaks of 40, 63 and 63 with watertight safety to deny O'Sullivan any opportunities.

McManus, who beat John Parrott, the champion in 1991, 13-12 on the way to reaching the semi-finals last year, will need a similar degree of composure and resolution in the next round if Steve Davis emerges victorious from his opening match against Peter Ebdon tomorrow.

O'Sullivan said: "This match has made me realise what I've got to do. I know I've got the talent but these players are on a different planet. When they get under pressure, they get stronger."

As expected, Nigel Bond, the world No. 9, proved too strong for Spencer Dunn, the rank outsider, as he reached the last 16 of the championship for the first time by converting a 6-3 overnight lead into a 10-4 victory.

Breaks of 49, 83, 34 and 39 in the first session showed that Dunn, a first-season professional, has improved greatly but Bond, the winner of the King's Cup in Thailand in December, comfortably advanced by winning four of the five frames when play resumed yesterday.

Dennis Taylor, who needed to win his opening match against Tony Drago, of Malta, to retain hope of safeguarding his unique, unbroken membership of the world's top 16, led 5-4 going into last night's concluding session.

RESULTS: First round: N Bond (Eng) bt S Dunn (Eng), 10-4; A McManus (Scot) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng), 10-7. Latest score: D Taylor (N Ire) leads A Drago (Malta), 5-4.

Martin makes light of home threat

By Colin McQuillan

MICHELLE Martin, the world No. 1 from Australia, defeated Suzanne Horner, from Yorkshire, 9-7, 9-0, 9-4 in 39 minutes in the final of the Hi-Tec British Open squash championship at Wembley last night.

Martin was in command after an opening game that lasted 17 minutes, which Horner lost when she drove cross court onto her opponent's racket at 8-7 when a simple backhand drop shot would have taken her into a tie-break. The second game lasted just five minutes and went to Martin 9-0 in a single hand. Horner put up a brief fight to 4-4 in the third.

Martin, 25, is Sydney based and the younger sister of the previously more famous Martin brothers. She is one of a group young players who came out of the Australian Institute of Squash five years ago to revolutionise the women's game, both in style and technique.

She takes the British Open title to Australia for the first time since Vicki Cardwell won in 1983 and, after more than two years of determined training under the eye of her uncle, Lionel Robberds in Sydney, takes undisputed possession of the world No. 1 position she made her target during the women's world championships in Sydney in 1990.

Horner, 30, and now unsuccessful in three national finals and two British Open finals, defeated three of those young Australians this year but seemingly left her best squash in the semi-final on Sunday, in which she beat Sarah FitzGerald after trailing 2-7 and 5-1 in the fourth game. "I'm not really sure how I got out of that," Horner said after completing victory by 10-9, 6-9, 9-0, 9-6, 9-4.

Martin, who did not drop a game through the tournament, was given her toughest test in the semi-final by the former national champion, Sue Wright, who was hampered by the after-effects of flu but fought hard before going down 9-2, 10-9, 10-8.

Last night's men's final was between the two top seeds, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, the holder, and Chris Dittmar, of Australia.

RESULT: Women: Final: M Martin (Aust) bt S Horner (Eng), 9-7, 9-0, 9-4.

Rangers await double celebration

By Roddy Forsyth

AS RANGERS prepare for tomorrow's crucial game against CSKA Moscow in the European Champions' League, they are aware that, in the space of 24 hours, they could be confirmed as champions of Scotland for the sixth time in seven years and take their place in the European Cup final for the first time. Both events, however, depend upon the efforts of others — namely, Partick Thistle and FC Bruges.

Thistle will meet Aberdeen in a rearranged premier division match at Firhill this evening and, if Aberdeen drop a point, the title — which has been Rangers' by acclamation for some weeks — will be retained at Ibrox. Bruges must also achieve at least a draw against Marseilles in the other Champions' League match in Group A if Rangers, who also have to beat CSKA, are to go on to meet AC Milan in Munich on May 29.

"We have to concentrate solely on our own game and leave the calculations and possibilities to everyone else," Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said yesterday. "All of these things are peripheral because we could beat CSKA and still go out of the European Cup undefeated — but, if that happens, I can say that our players will have done everything we could have asked for."

Rangers' resources are in better shape than they have been for most of their fixtures in the Champions' League. Goram, Robertson, Gough, McPherson, Steven, McCoist and Durrant are all fit and will start and, apart from the long-term casualties, Stevens and Nisbet, only Mikhailichenko is ruled out by injury whilst Hateley is still suspended.

CSKA's state of readiness will not be known until they appear at Ibrox at lunchtime, but news from the other fixture does not appear to favour Rangers. Bruges were easily beaten 3-1 by Cercle Bruges in a derby game on Friday night and the Bruges coach, Hugo Broos, yesterday described his team as "appalling". Broos ordered extra training sessions on Saturday and Sunday, but the ploy backfired when Lorenzo Staelens, the midfield player, was injured during a practice game.

In addition, the Dutch forward, Foeke Booy, is unlikely to play against Marseilles while van der Heyden is unavailable in midfield because of suspension. By contrast, Marseilles' Belgian manager, Raymond Goethals, cancelled his team's weekend practice matches to protect injury victims Franck Sauzee and Didier Deschamps.

Aggressive Bruno says he will be champion

IT DOES not matter what the rest of the world thinks, Frank Bruno is certain he will be world boxing champion this year. There is no doubt in his mind that he will beat Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council champion, in September (Srikumar Sen writes).

Bruno said yesterday at a press conference at the NEC, Birmingham, to publicise his bout with Carl "The Truth" Williams there on Saturday, that his meeting with Mike Tyson had helped him to see his capabilities more clearly.

Tyson stopped Bruno in five rounds but was also hurt by the Londoner, and Bruno said: "Tyson helped me to grow up. I'm back with a mission to be the heavyweight champion of the world. I'm looking forward to the fight with Lewis. I want to do some damage to him."

George Francis, Bruno's trainer, said: "Since he has become his own boss he has changed completely. He is more aggressive."

Colin McMillan, the British former WBO featherweight champion, has tested negative for the HIV virus. In September, McMillan fought Rubén Palacio, of Colombia, who was last week diagnosed HIV positive.

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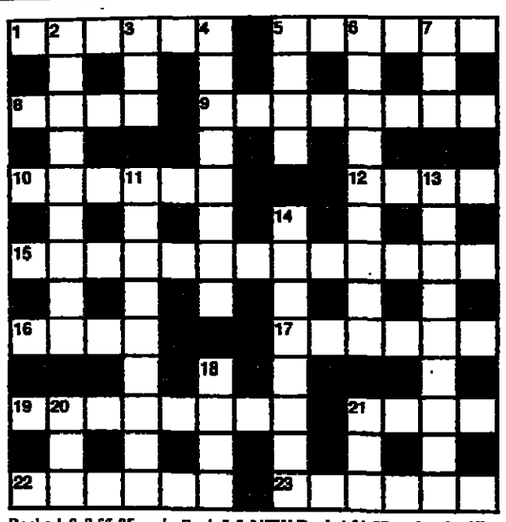
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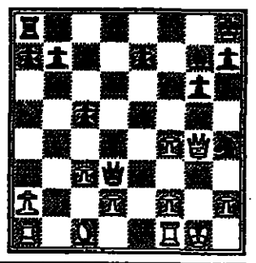


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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Ivanov — Benjamin, US Championship 1992. Queen and knight are well known as being a potent attacking force. How did black utilise their capabilities to the full here?



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

BIBLICALS

JEBUSITES
a. A fanatic sect of Sadducees
b. The sons of Japheth
c. Original inhabitants of Jerusalem

LAMECH
a. A descendant of Cain
b. A descendant of Seth
c. An enemy of Samuel

CANDACE
a. Mythical land over the Jordan
b. A Christian convert
c. Queen of Ethiopia

MALCHUS
a. An apocryphal prophet
b. Servant of a high priest
c. A companion of Paul

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